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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members

The last few months have been very busy at the Club. The various sub-committees have been working hard to support and direct Club management with the various aspects under their purview. A number of difficult decisions have been made, but all of these have been taken with a view to improve the long-term enjoyment of the Club by the majority of Members.

The last three months have been action-packed. After the very successful Singapore Open, we held the most elaborate Barclays Japan Cup to date, featuring the first all-Japanese polo team in an international competition. Most of our major tournaments have featured teams entered en-block by players. In order to provide an opportunity for individual players to participate, we recently held a second Pro-Am tournament and we were able to field 5 teams. In the coming weeks, we will see the Standard Chartered Private Bank Ladies International and a series of other Club cups played. The Ladies International will be telecast on Star Sports, as one of our series of events that are being telecast. We also welcomed Andres Laplacette, a 5 goal Argentine professional, who replaced Dryden Power as Visiting Pro. We thank Dryden for his contributions.

Having just completed the Pesta Sukan Show, the Riding Section will now be holding the Autumn Jumping Festival. Later in the coming quarter, the Club will hold the Thanksgiving Show, followed by the Amazing Race. As previously shared with you, we have had to restructure the management of the Riding Section. We have new full-time instructors and are building a more appropriate string of riding school horses. The management needs your continuing support as the measures they have taken start to be felt. We intend that at the end of the process, we will have happier riders, happier Members and happier staff, together with a positive bottom-line.

We are now beginning to expand our range of non-equestrian activities, ranging from the usual classes to Quiz Nights and F&B specials. I am really pleased to see more Members continuing to make use of the Club. We have made a concerted effort over the last fifteen months to increase our offerings and it is gratifying to see more of you at the Club.

We are also getting to grips with the issues in the administration of the Club. First of all, I welcome Tan Hock to the Committee. Tan Hock is a Member of long standing and will focus his efforts on the "Jackpot" room, where he brings specific experience. In addition, we hired a new Finance Manager in August, to strengthen the team.

I look forward to your continued support of the Club, as we strive to build a better Club for all our Members.

Iqbal Jumabhoy, **President**



UPCOMING | EVENTS

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2013

**DON'T MISS
THE EXCITING
LINE-UP OF
EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES
FROM OCTOBER
TO DECEMBER!**



OCT 2 Sports - Cardio Kickboxing for Ladies



OCT 6 Sports - Modern Fencing for Kids



OCT 2 - 6 Polo - Standard Chartered Ladies' International



OCT 8 Sports - Junior Swimmers Survival Programme



OCT 11 Quiz Night



OCT 19 - 20 Polo - Club Tournament - Ismail Cup (Senior)



OCT 26 Children's Halloween Party



OCT 26 - 27 Polo - Novice Tournament



OCT 26 - 27 Riding - Autumn Jumping Festival



NOV 5 Park Regis Melbourne Cup



AUG 8 Quiz Night



NOV 9 - 10 Polo - Club Tournament - Beaujolais Cup



NOV 23 - 24 Polo - Club Tournament - Victor's Cup



NOV 23 - 24 Riding - Thanksgiving Show



NOV 25 - 29 Sports - Survival Swimming / Long Distance Swimming Test



DEC 3 - 6 Sports - Water Skills & Lifesaving Lessons



DEC 3 - 6 Sports - Learn to Swim Programme (Crash Course)



DEC 7 Christmas Light Up



DEC 14 - 15 Polo - Battle of the Sexes



DEC 15 End of Polo Season



DEC 26 Riding - Amazing Race

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

“The Season” including the glamour and excitement of international polo continues at the Club during the months of November and December.

The Club will host the annual Ladies' International sponsored by Standard Chartered Private Bank from 2 to 6 October and the Park Regis Melbourne Cup on 5 November.

In addition to these prestigious events, our Polo fraternity will also compete for club titles at our monthly tournaments throughout the remainder of the polo season:

Ismail Cup (Senior)	19-20 October
Novice Tournament	26-27 October
Beaujolais Cup	9-10 November
Victor's Cup	23-24 November
Battle of the Sexes	14-15 December

During polo play, please note that access to the pony lines is restricted to polo players or those assisting these players only. There have been many occasions where people – both children and adults – have visited these areas without knowledge of horse etiquette or the potential danger and we would like to avoid any unnecessary accidents. This request is made for the safety of all.

Three new horses are added to the Club's Riding string, and three more are on their way from Ireland. The new horses are helping to reduce the number of Members on the wait list for riding lessons – a welcome move for Members and their children who are keen and waiting to ride.

Our Riding Section will close the year with its annual “Amazing Race” on Thursday, 26 December, held on our field and always a highlight for our riding fraternity! And quite an exciting event for spectators as well.

In addition to our Equestrian offer, we will be hosting regular, seasonal events at the Club for the entire family; keep a look-out for posters around the Club for promotional information on upcoming events and for the many Food and Beverage promotions at your Club:

Christmas 'Light Up'	Saturday 7 December
Christmas Children's Party	Saturday 14 December

With an eye on safety at the club, we have noticed some fast-moving cars travelling along the Club's car parks. For the safety of everyone, particularly children and horses, we urge Members who drive to maintain the speed of not more than 15km/hr in both car parks. Signage has been placed to remind members and guests of the speed limit.

There have been several recent reports of lost items at the Club. We do have a lost and found procedure and ask that any items that have been found in/around the Club be taken to the Front Desk for secure storage and subsequent collection by the rightful owner. The Club is open to members of the public and therefore may find it difficult to identify a culprit if an item is stolen. Our staff have been told to be vigilant, but we ask that our members and guests to also take some responsibility for their personal belongings at the Club.

There are recreation and fitness exercise classes taking place; if you are trying to keep in shape for polo or riding or your favourite sport, why not visit the gymnasium for a good workout? Personal trainers are always on hand to help you achieve your fitness goals.



If poolside is your choice, relax and enjoy the poolside service from the F&B team. There is a wading pool for young children and we would like to give all Members the opportunity to enjoy the ambience of our poolside area.

In the coming weeks, Members will be asked to show their membership cards for all food and beverage transactions when at the club. This policy is to enhance membership value and to streamline the charging of Members' accounts. Each month there are a number of disputes on charges to statements that are a result of manual transactions – electronic swiping of Members' cards will improve this process with more accurate billing. We thank Members for their understanding and cooperation during this transition period when staff ask for Members to produce their membership cards at the time of ordering.

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

We strive to keep our Members' database current, please ensure that you inform the Club should you change your address, telephone/mobile number or email address so that Members are kept up to date with happenings at the Club.

I look forward to seeing Members at the Club.

Alan Jones, **General Manager**



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SINGAPORE OPEN 2013

TEXT BY *Stijn Welkers*



With 5 teams entering the Singapore Open 2013 at 8-10 goal level, all was set for an amazing display of polo.

The 5 teams played pre-rounds on Thursday 13th June and Saturday 15th June, which resulted in the Park Regis and Stella Artois teams qualifying for the final on Sunday 16th June, and the USPA, Tata Communications and Piper-Heidsieck teams playing a round robin for third place.

On the Sunday, the excitement began with the Final being played first between the Paisano Polo team playing as Stella Artois and the Kitchen Culture polo team playing as Park Regis.

Stella Artois was captained by Ronnie Lim with professionals Sebastian Petracchi and Nico Pieroni flown in together with Singapore youngster Roon Kai Ang from Sydney to form their team, which at an 8-goal handicap was given a 1.5 goal start over Park Regis.

Park Regis' professional Benjamin Araya didn't take long to close the gap with a penalty, followed by Ameer Jumabhoy with a field goal. It continued to be a close game with the teams scoring goals in turn.

The game took a dramatic turn in the third chukka when a penalty was awarded to Stella Artois, giving them a free goal followed by a

great run across the field by Sebastian shortly after, resulting in a 3-5.5 lead for Stella Artois.

In the final chukka, Stella Artois kept up the pressure both in attack and defence, but Ameer Jumabhoy made an amazing run and drew Park Regis back to 4-5.5. The last few minutes had the crowd on the edge of their seats with clearances just in front of goal, big runs across the field and a goal by Nachi Alberdi of Park Regis bringing the final score to 5-5.5.

The Paisano polo team, playing as Stella Artois for the second year in a row, won the Singapore Open.



After the main match, teams USPA, Piper-Heidsieck and Tata Communications played a round robin, which was no less exciting, with hard-fought matches and an overall close result as well.

Tata Communications with Santiago Laborde and local players Waqas Khan, Vinod Kumar and Satinder Garcha comfortably beat the Piper-Heidsieck team 4-1 in their first match.

Piper-Heidsieck, with Argentine professionals Miguel Diaz and Lia Salvo and local

husband-and-wife team Jonathan Gabler and Lynly Fong then turned up their game a notch with a 5-4 win over USPA with the final goal scored by Lynly Fong with an amazing run across the field.

In the last match of the day, the USPA team, with the highest-rated player on the field Martin Garrahan, together with Singapore professional Sattar Khan and father-and-son combination Yeo Kuo Lee and Keith Yeo then decided they also needed a win - so pulled out all the stops to beat the Tata Communications

team with a narrow victory of 3-2.

The three teams in the round robin each had a win and a loss and therefore it was goal difference that determined Tata Communications had won third place as a result of their first convincing win.

Well-deserved Most Valuable Player was Sebastian Petracchi of Stella Artois. Best Playing Pony was Pampeano owned by Iqbal Jumabhoj and Best Turned Out Pony was Chavan, groomed by Nelson and owned by Satinder Garcha.

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THE BARCLAYS JAPAN CUP

TEXT BY: Stijn Welkers



For the third year running, The Barclays Japan Cup was held at the Singapore Polo Club from 31 August to 1 September 2013.

This year was a special occasion, not only because of the first-ever *yabusame* (mounted archery) in Singapore, but also because for the first time ever, an all-Japanese polo team would play.

The event had been well-publicised in the Japanese-language media in Singapore for months beforehand, which resulted in a huge crowd and over 300 Japanese expatriates on the final day.

The day started with the C Division match between two American Express teams with a total of 11 club members participating, showing the huge interest from players in this event. The C Division match was ultimately won by the American Express white team with their captain Ang Ban Tong responsible for a total of 7 out of the 12 goals scored versus 8.5 goals for the American Express grey team.

Before the next match started, the crowd was treated to a 15-person *taiko* (Japanese drum) performance. Synchronised in both movement and sound, it made for an

impressive introduction for the B Division match between Rakuten and Royal Salute, which were the highest-rated teams of the tournament.

The Rakuten team beat Royal Salute convincingly with a score of 11-4 over a total of eight chukkas, with Iqbal Jumabhoy, Gerry Gan and Ali Reda all scoring three goals for the Rakuten team. On the Royal Salute team, each player scored one goal each.

Next was one of the main attractions of the day: the mounted archery performance.



Three *yabusame* archers were flown in from Japan together with their bows, arrows and traditional horse tack and they mounted themselves on local horses provided by the Club and members. With an almost 800-year history behind what is more an art form than a sport, the sight alone of these archers was truly impressive.

The *yabusame* rode their horses on the sandtrack at full speed, let go of the reins, drew their bows and then shot at two wooden targets placed in the field approximately 5 metres away. With only 60 metres between the two targets, it was

clear that it was not easy to hit two targets in a row. However, soon enough one of the archers managed two hits and the crowd gave a loud applause for the archer's impressive performance.

We thank American Express for sponsoring the *yabusame* performance and letting Singaporeans experience this Japanese tradition.

Finally, the all-Japanese polo team playing as Pocari Sweat took to the field against the Barclays team. The Pocari Sweat team was captained by 2-goal player Hiro Suzuki,

who flew in from the United Kingdom, and supported by Taro Otsuka, who has been the driving force behind the Barclays Japan Cup since its inception. The Pocari Sweat team was completed by father and daughter Hiro and Akiko Kume.

The Barclays team, with New Zealand polo professional Dryden Power and 7 local players sharing playing slots started the game strong. Having the benefit of knowing the field and being able to play their own horses had a big impact on the game and the Barclays team took an early lead.





However, the Pocari Sweat team slowly battled its way back with the support of the Japanese crowd to cheer them on and managed to ultimately defeat the Barclays team 13.5 – 9 with Hiro Suzuki being voted Most Valuable Player of The Barclays Japan Cup 2013.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Taro Otsuka of Pocari Sweat, as well as corporate sponsors Barclays, Rakuten, Royal Salute and American Express. We would also like to thank sponsors Park Regis, Stella Artois, Capitano, Casablanca for their support.

And with the support of Barclays and Royal Salute, this event will return again in 2014 and 2015. Until then!

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NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday May 14



The Dressage Championship, which required each rider/horse combination to present three tests (including a freestyle to music), attracted a field of 22 entries across 6 categories. Additional riders participated in the individual tests, for a total number of tests ridden during the weekend at 79 separate rides. The show was fortunate to have Ms. Alison King from Hong Kong officiating, as well as Mr. Vittorio Barber from the Philippines.

We are very proud of Catrina Laird riding Donna Rubina who came as an eventual winner of Elementary Championship for SPC. This combination also scored the highest score of the show, achieving 66.94% in Freestyle. BTSC had wins in Preliminary, Novice and Small Tour by the new combination of Elana Sterley on Datchet House, as well as Tanis McGrath on Belcam Hinnerk and Cynthia Ee on Hamilton respectively. Tosca Little on Leroy and Soh Wei Chi on Mirabel won the Medium and Advanced Classes for NEC.





Show-jumping was conducted in the afternoon of 19 May with 61 entries across 8 categories. The hot afternoon sun and early start at 2.30pm took a toll on some of the performances, as riders took their last opportunity to compete in the Covered Arena before the Show Jumping Finals in mid-June.

Visiting rider Bethan Wither on Indi (BTSC), Nicola Hammond on Links Hot Gossip (NEC) and Moriah Ahola on Gatineau (NEC) won their jump-offs in classes of 90cm, 100cm and 110cm respectively.

In a fast jump-off for the 120cm class, Erin Buswell on Quero Quero came second to Janine Khoo on Chateau from NEC. The biggest class of the day (the 130cm) went to Predrag Marjanovic on Whisper.

The National Dressage Championships wrapped up with a Prize Presentation accompanied with an Argentinian Asado dinner.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors without whom this event would not be possible: Equine Sanctuary, Mano Equestrian, Lush Spa, Equi-Sports Asia, Botanica and Horse Riding Video Production.

Many thanks to our volunteers too, who tirelessly worked over the hot weekend! Our thanks go out to Sandra Ludwig, Sylvia Kwan, Jennifer Peuplie, Samantha Hague, Asja Praetor, Denise Liu, Nicole Wyrill, Laila Kaiser, Emma McMurray, Samantha Parkhurst, Clare Khoo, Peggy Yeo, Caroline Hoffman, Liane Buswell, Neil Thorburn, Tim Khoo-Jones, Deborah Thurley, Debbie Saliling, Vivian Reinhart and Fiona Hammond!





NATIONAL
JUMPING FINALS
June 16 & 17



The National Jumping Finals for 2013 was proudly hosted by Singapore Polo Club on 16 and 17 June. There were a total of 160 entries competing in extreme heat vying for the 6 coveted championship titles. The event ended on Sunday evening with dinner and Prize Presentation at the Clubhouse.

All the participants in Championship had to jump three challenging courses set by visiting International Course Designer Mr Peter Abisheganaden and presided over by invited Judge Mr N Y Ho.

On Saturday morning, all categories had to compete Table C- speed class. At first glance, it looked to be a relatively simple track set by Mr Abisheganaden; on riding the course it presented several short-cut options for those brave enough to try them.

Tara Drummond (SPC), Kenza David (BTSC), and Severine Miaja (SPC) won their 90cm, 100cm and 110cm respectively, while Clare Khoo (SPC) had the fastest time in the 120cm category.

Saturday afternoon featured 1 round and jump-off class. Winners of the first 2 classes finished with one time fault in the 90cm and 100cm featuring a relieved Anne Hagarty (NEC) and Anya Blakely (SPC) respectively. Severine Miaja (SPC) recorded another clear round to finish first in the 110cm.

A three-way jump-off in the 120cm class finished with the winner Janine Khoo (NEC) followed by Kristen Reinhart (SPC), while the 130cm class went to Dikie Mardiyanto (NEC).

The last leg of the Championship was a 2-round course set for Sunday morning. Hot weather and fatigue had taken a toll on both the 90cm and 100cm class. But consistent effort by Patrick Barry (BTSC) saw him win the Sunday morning as well as coming out as the overall winner in his inaugural 90cm Championship entry. Two time faults by Bethan Withers (BTSC) had placed her first in the class but overall champion was Anya Blakely with her trusting partner Lenny Hays from SPC.



Another clear round by Severine Miaja and Nacres de la Roche for SPC have cemented her standings in the 110cm Championship, followed closely by Nicola Bartropp on GP Marjorie (SPC). Severine's performance earned her the Rider of the Show Trophy for the most clear rounds. The 120cm category saw some of the hot favourite combinations encounter different problems over the two days. A shaky start by Cheong Su Yen on Claim Collin (NEC) did not prevent her from completing double clear rounds and winning the Sunday morning class. However, second place for Erin Buswell and Quero Quero (SPC) on Sunday morning were sufficient for her to win overall Championship ahead of Janine Khoo from NEC.

A clear round on the final day of the 130cm category saw Whispering the Wild ridden by Predrag Marjanovic (SPC) as eventual winner of that class and the Championship title.

Stars of the Future featured our less-experienced riders in the 60cm to 80cm classes. Clear round performances by Tegan David (BTSC) and Grace Mackey (SPC) had them earn overall winner for 80cm and 70cm respectively, whilst Cupcake ridden by Rosie van Kuijk (SPC) came in first in the 60cm category.

We were very fortunate to have generous sponsorships from Equine Sanctuary, Mano Equestrian, Botanica, Lush Spa, Equi-Sports, Horse Riding Video Production, Tallahassee, Pursuit of Horses, VIPA, Capitano and Spirit Sports.

New opportunities for title sponsorship for each category of Championship were well received by our Members, who had their names displayed on the winning trophies. Thank you for your generosity - the Scott Morris family, Villa Casuarina Phuket,

Peggy Yeo & Curtis Truhn, Andrew & Liane Buswell, Nikki Coventry and family, Katinka Thorburn and family, and Travelshoppa.

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers: Debbie Saliling, Katinka Thorburn, Sasha Thorburn, Nikki Coventry, Sandra Ludwig, Samantha Parkhurst, Samantha Hague, Deborah Thurley, Fiona Hammond and Vivian Reinhart. Not forgetting our macho course builders - Neil, Ned, Austin, Brian, Scott, Tom and Zach, without whom we would not have had a successful show. Thank you all!

MY 3 FUN DAYS IN POLO CAMP

TEXT BY: Zoe Masefield

Beep-beep, beep-beep! My alarm woke me up at 6.30am and I was so excited for my first day of polo camp. At 6.50, mum and I zoomed to the Polo Club and got Rosie ready. Once Sophie, Victoria, Julia, Natalie, Sanna, Max and I got on our horses, we had a polo riding lesson with Sattar. First we all did formation riding - it was hard to keep up and I did well considering it was my first time! Next, we played Fox and Hound and we all trotted and cantered to chase each other. Then we did cushion polo, where one person has a cushion under their arm and everyone else has to chase them and get the cushion. You are meant to release the cushion when someone grabs it, but some people hugged the it so tightly so you could not pull it out!!

Next we went to our foot mallet session on the polo field. Dryden and Podger helped teach us basic polo hitting - it was very hard to hit the ball. We learnt the forehand, backhand, near side forehand and near side back hand. My favourite hit is the forehand, because it is easier as you just raise your stick and let it follow through.

We were then split into 2 groups; my group partners were Julia and Natalie and we went into the cage where the wooden horse is. We all took turns to get on the wooden horse. Natalie and Julia did really well as they could carry the stick much better than I could - it is really heavy. I found it hard to keep my stick raised up the whole time, so sometimes I was allowed to rest it on my shoulder or take half swings. Podger took a lot of time to explain how to hit the ball and get the timing right. He makes it look really easy, but it is really hard. Lucky we were on a wooden horse, or we might have banged the real horses' legs!

Our group then went to the chukka board to have a white board session on the rules of polo with Dryden. There are a lot of different rules to remember, but the main rule is to always follow the line of the ball. Most of the rules are for safety so you should never cross the line of the ball in polo. Dryden also taught us about the different white lines on the field, like the back line, centre, 60, 40 & 30 yard lines all used for different penalties.

I really hope that there will be more polo camps like this, because I have learnt a lot from this polo camp and it has improved my riding. I think all kids should give polo riding a try as it teaches you different riding skills from regular riding.



KARAOKE Session

To start the summer holidays with a bit of musical spirit, Singapore Polo Club organised a Karaoke night on 28 June 2013, which attracted not just many enthusiastic participants, but also a group of very excited supporters.

The night started off with the young ones too giggly and shy to take up the microphone, but as soon as the requested songs started playing, many got up to grab the microphone and were totally in control. Heart-stopping singing from these live performers definitely woke up the entire room.

The night also had music more to the taste of the older participants, and with a fun and friendly vibe, everyone belted out their favourite songs from the extensive list.

Just to keep both everybody entertained and on their toes, towards the end of the night, groups began challenging one another.

The youngest member was challenged to sing an evergreen song and the older ones performed (only slightly off-key) the famous (or infamous?) Justin Bieber song "Baby"; a group of boys sang Katy Perry's "I kissed a girl" and a group of girls 'paying tribute' to Maroon 5 and other boy bands exhibited hilarious tone deafness. But it was also an evening where much hidden talent was discovered.

Family and friends enjoyed the night watching each other in the spotlight while enjoying some French culinary delights - an exquisite raclette was the highlight.



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

June - August 2013

Beth Robyn Geenty
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UNCLE Salleh

They really don't make them like this anymore



Buang smiles as he remembers the days when Uncle Salleh would help to ride the horses down to Bukit Timah for show-jumping competitions or during really heavy rain when the polo field and stables got totally flooded and it quickly turned into a game of water polo. When I asked Uncle Salleh about this he just laughed out loud. Another story that makes Buang smile is about the days when they used to ride the horses down to the nearest train station so that the polo ponies could actually catch the train to Malaysia to play polo – that must have been a wonderful sight – but how times have changed!



In all the fifty six years he has worked at SPC, Uncle Salleh has only taken a few days off for medical leave so his attendance is almost 100%. We wish he could pass that dedication, loyalty and attitude to work on to a few of the younger grooms these days! It's amazing that Uncle Salleh still cycles to and from work every single day and that's regardless of rain or shine and he always has that big smile on his face. I wonder what his secret is?

Uncle Salleh knows the three horses that are in his care inside out and the love, respect and dedication he shows to them on a daily basis is a shining example to us all.

I hope if I eventually make it to eighty years old I will still be able to care for my horses the way Uncle Salleh does. He really is one in a million and a great character we all admire.

When I first arrived at Singapore Polo Club in February this year, the groom I noticed straight away was Uncle Salleh. It was not just because of his advanced years but also his ready laugh and big smile. When I had the chance to speak to him properly for the first time, I found Uncle Salleh to be a gentle and very kind man who just adores horses; however, I have to say he's not a man of many words so when you do get the chance to talk to him for a while and he does tell you something - you make sure you listen!

When you ask the other grooms about Uncle Salleh they all smile and start to tell you some interesting stories they remember about him. One of the senior grooms, Buang Bin Arswan, who was actually born at the Club, has some great stories to tell.

"The younger staff all learned their job directly from the older more experienced grooms like Uncle Salleh", Buang said. "Uncle Salleh was a great teacher and mentor - very quiet, kind and patient when he explained things to you and he never got angry even if he had to repeat himself so you understood properly".

What can I say about this wonderful, hard-working and loyal groom who has worked for me since 1977, and looked after my horses so conscientiously? I can even count on one hand the number of sick days he has had off during his time with me, and in the early years he never even took his annual leave. He has seen my wife and I learn to ride and play polo, then my daughters, and now my grandchildren, and he still smiles at everything. He has had some difficult horses to look after and taken it all in his stride. Even now he still gets the odd bite from Firefly! He knew Firefly's mother well and she never bit him. He was with us with our first horse, Stormy King, in 1977 and I am sure had quite a laugh at all the times we used to dress Stormy up for fancy dress competitions! Thank you Salleh for all your care and patience and may you continue with your energy and consideration...

– Brian Miller

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IN MEMORY of David Lim

TEXT BY: Ann Tan, Assistant Manager of Gaming



- As Convenor, he oversaw the operations of the jackpot room from 1987 to 1991 on a voluntary basis.
- He started to work for the Club in 1992 as a Recreation Director in the Jackpot Department, and his designation was changed to Gaming Vice-President in 2004.
- The Club started with only 5 jackpot machines in the old jackpot room, where the current admin office is. After David took over, the number of jackpot machines gradually increased to 19 units.
- In 2005, the jackpot room was relocated to the new wing, where it remains. Unfortunately, the Club was unable to obtain more jackpot machines from the regulator due to our small membership base.
- David also designed creative jackpot promotions and competitions that were unique in the Singapore club environment when they were first deployed and was instrumental in helping the Club generate more than S\$45 million in revenue between 1987 to 2012.



David Lim, our Gaming Vice-President, sadly passed away on 7th May 2013 at the age of 66 due to poor health. He is survived by his wife and two children.

MILESTONES IN DAVID'S TENURE WITH SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

- He joined the Club as a full member in 1986 and was a Club Committee member from 1989 to 1991.

David was a very goal-oriented and driven person with a warm and friendly personality. He was also a kind boss who took good care of his team and a good testament of this are the

jackpot staff members who have worked with David for over 20 years. He also built a very good rapport with the jackpot players and managed to attract a pool of regular patrons for the Club over the years.

The demise of David Lim is a sore loss to Singapore Polo Club. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



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TENNIS PROGRAMME

The introduction of a new tennis coaching team and provider will see the sport become a more prominent section of the Club and enhance the membership experience.

The coaching team will set up and deliver an academy-style programme to cater for Competitive, Recreational and Junior players that will offer more playing opportunities for members.

The academy will be designed from the grass roots level of the game, providing a structured route for junior members to develop from beginner to competitive player.

Its programme will also serve adult players who are looking for more playing opportunities or simply looking to improve their game. Programmes that will be added in future are as follows:

- Private & semi-private coaching
- Junior Development Academy (Beginners to Advanced)
- Adult Clinics
- Ladies Team coaching
- Holiday Camps
- Social Tennis Events
- In-house Tournaments
- Kids' Birthday Parties
- Specialised Clinics focusing on specific areas of the game
- Multi Sports Camps

In order to raise the profile of tennis in the club we will be holding various Open Days for members to meet the new coaching team. Coaches will assess players and advise of suitable programmes within the academy.

Should you be interested in more information please contact our Sport and Recreation Manager Halim for further information.

We hope to see you out on the tennis court soon!

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