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#### Dear Members,

t is with honour and humility that I accept the privilege of serving as your Club President for a second term, having been elected unopposed at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 7 March 2024.

Alongside me, a new committee has also been elected unopposed, and it is with enthusiasm that we welcome Mr. Lee Joo Bae as our new Charter Polo Playing Member (CPPM). Together with the management, we will do our best to build a welcoming, inclusive and fun atmosphere at the Club.

I wish to reiterate that the Committee is embracing a Board of Directors model, where the General Manager assumes a leadership role in managing the Club's affairs. Under this framework, the Committee will adopt a hands-off approach, empowering management to efficiently manage the day-to-day affairs and operations of the Club to achieve the Club's Vision/ Mission and strategies.

This year's calendar of events promises to be an exciting one and members can look forward to live entertainment when Julian and her band takes to the stage at the Chukka terrace on 27 April 2024 in a series of "music under the stars night".

Also in April, the annual Thai water festival event "Songkran" will be held at the swimming pool and tennis court areas and we expect adults and children to have a whale of a time. There will also be a special promotion planned for Mother's Day in May as well as a tennis tournament for children.

We celebrated the Lunar New Year with our annual Chinese New Year Lo-Hei Night in February and our members together with their families and friends enjoyed the evening entertained by a Lion Dance performance, the tossing of a prosperity Yusheng and many fun games for children and adults.

Our Eggstreme Easter Fun & Egg Hunt event drew a big turnout of more than 80 children this year. The little ones had so much fun with egg hunting, face painting and balloon sculpting and were thoroughly entertained by the magic show.

Two major events are coming our way with the annual SPC Outreach Polo Tournament & Carnival sometime in September 2024 (weather permitting) where the Club will continue to expand its reach in support of the community. Last year's inaugural Outreach event saw almost 1,200 turning up to support the various games and activities to aid a noble cause.

Our inaugural City Polo tournament scheduled on 1 & 2 November 2024 will see its first run to make polo more inclusive to the community and build it as a fun, novel and exciting spectator sport played in an arena on the polo field. This is one of the Club's strategies to expand our tourism footprint and to raise our profile in the region. As this event grows, we will also include the participation of regional polo teams.

I would like to thank the past members of the Committee and Sub-committees who have served diligently to help make this Club a wonderful place for all members and their guests. I would also like to thank our General Manager Sylvan Braberry who has worked tirelessly and done an exceptional job in effectively managing the operations and successfully executing diverse projects undertaken by the Committee in quick time.

Together with my new team of Committee Members, we look forward to giving our best to this Club. I look forward to seeing you all soon. ■

Warm Regards,

Lawrence Khong President



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#### Dear Members,

n behalf of the management and staff, I would like to congratulate our President Lawrence Khong and his Committee for being elected unopposed at the Annual General Meeting held on 7 March 2024. We would like to thank the past Committee for their guidance and support during the past year, which motivated our team to give our best to manage the Club in line with the Committee's Vision/Mission and strategies.

The Atoms Polo League Season 3 was well received with 8 teams participating. Yellow Jaguars from the Senior Division and Pink Tornadoes from the Junior Division were crowned Champions of the season. Geoffrey Alcock from the Yellow Jaguars, Claire Graham from the Blue Devils and Victoria Vescovi from the Pink Tornadoes were named Most Valuable Players. The camaraderie and community of Atoms is a really positive and welcoming one with players and their parents supporting one another to enjoy the sport. We have had great reviews from polo players around the region and even visiting polo professionals were impressed with the progress of Atoms and its players.

The Academy's phenomenal growth has seen its base of players/riders increase to almost 450 since its launch in October 2020. While the Academy is probably the world's largest; we believe that it should also be the best as Atoms signifies the future of polo where the "King of Sports" becomes inclusive and expands its reach through the region with the Academy being the main feed pool to the Club's base of handicap polo players. By the end of this year, Atoms would have contributed 25 to 30 new handicap polo players thus, expanding our base of handicap polo players to more than 130 which is the highest numbers we have ever achieved.

The inaugural SPC Polo League Championship – Season 1 will kick off on 11 May 2024 till 1 June 2024 and play would be in an arena of size 175 yards x 100 yards on the polo field to make it more exciting and novel way of playing polo. This will bring fun to spectators who are at times too distant away from the action when competitions are played on a full field. The League would be played similar to a "spectator sport" style and all will have a chance to see and hear the excitement, intensity and adrenalin-charged matches in closer proximity. This also prepares our players for the coming City Polo event scheduled some time in November 2024, which will be opened to the public as well. City Polo will evolve into a regional tournament to raise the Club's profile and increase its tourism value.

The Riding Academy saw a record jump in the number of riders participating in its various programmes and the Club may need to hire another riding instructor to cope with the demand. Congratulations to Yasmine Bonehill who represented the country at the CSIJ-B Seoul 2024. Congratulations also to our Riding Instructor Edric Lee for being appointed National Coach for CSIJ-B Seoul 2024.

The Academy now boasts a base of more than 800 riders and this is expected to grow to about 1,000 by mid-2025 which bodes well for its objectives to make the Club's equestrian activities inclusive. This is a sport that supports the community not just through riding but through horse assisted interaction and therapy. The Riding Academy also engages with both international and local schools to bring fun and activities to children of all ages.

Meanwhile, the Club ups the ante for its members with the introduction of a live performance by Julian and her band on 27 April 2024 while children can look forward to a whale of a time soaking each other at our Songkran Water Festival. Book a room package this Mother's Day and spend quality time with someone who has brought us into the world and is always a beacon in our lives. With so much more happening, I can't wait to see all of you soon.

Have a great time at your Club!

Warm Regards,

#### Sylvan Braberry

General Manager

### New Members JANUARY TO MARCH 2024

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

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### **Calendar of Events**

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18 to 19 May Club Cup

10 to 31 July Field Closed

### **Atoms & Riding**

4 & 5 May STCRC (Jumping)

**11 to 12 May** Atoms Ladies Cup

11 & 12 May NEC (Jumping)

**18 May** SPC Training Show (Jumping)

> **18 to 19 May** Spring Overnight Camp

**24 to 26 May** BTSC (National Jumping Championships)

**14 June** Father's Day Workshop & Movie Night

> 22 to 23 June Atoms Summer Cup

**25 to 27 June** Summer Pony Camp

> 9 to 11 July Pony Camp

**19 July** Racial Harmony Festivities and Movie Night

### Social

**11 May** Mother's Day Bento Cake Workshop

> **12 May** Green Ball Match Play Tennis Competition (10 to 12 years old) with Vantage Tennis

**8 June** Pottery Painting Workshop

**20 July** Dreamcatcher Workshop

**27 July** Piano Music Workshop (Basic)

### In Memoriam: Peter Abisheganaden

t is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to our friend, Peter Abisheganaden, who passed away on 8 February 2024. From the late 1970s to the 1990s, Peter proudly carried the Singapore flag, securing three SEA Games gold medals and achieving podium finishes at multiple SEA Games and Asian show-jumping Championships.

After relocating to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Peter lived there for over two decades and continued pursuing his love for polo. Peter used to manage *Zack's Tack*, a store dedicated to horse riding equipment, accessories, horse feed, and saddlery at the Singapore Polo Club for 6½ years.

The Singapore Polo Club extends its deepest condolences to Peter's family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.







### 1998

Rolex International Showjumping Winner, Peter Abisheganaden

Rolex International 1998 Showjumping Team Singapore 2 with Rear Admiral Teo Chee Hean and Peter Abisheganaden on far right

Peter Abisheganaden's Showjumping Clinic and Competition











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At the Singapore Polo Club, a Hong Bao is given annually to all staff as a sign of anticipating a fruitful, prosperous year for the Lunar New Year and to thank them for an amazing 2023!

We would like to thank all members for their generosity towards the ang bao contribution.



Showing some love and appreciation to our operations team that keep things running smoothly at the stables



General Manager, Mr Sylvan Braberry hands out red packets to our colleagues from the stables department

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### **Annual Town Hall**

ur stables team attended the annual townhall meeting hosted under the visionary leadership of our General Manager, Mr Sylvan Braberry on 21 February. During the hour-long session, topics related to staff training, stable operations and skills upgrading for personal development were touched on and attendees interacted with one another providing ideas, suggestions and areas for improvement.

After the productive meeting, the team was invigorated and ready to embark on a promising and dynamic year of polo and riding ahead.











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### **Annual CPPM Lunch**

e celebrated another incredible year with our Charter Polo Playing members at an annual lunch hosted on 28 February to thank them for being big supporters of our equestrian community. Led by our Club President, Mr Lawrence Khong and Honorary Secretary, Mr Rickard Hogberg, members were presented with the Club's vision, mission, financial standings, and the various exciting projects for the coming years.

Cheers to many more incredible years and moments together!



















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### **77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting,** 7 March 2024



he following businesses at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were approved and adopted:

- 1. The minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23 March 2023.
- 2. The reports received of the Committee.
- 3. The Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.
- 4. The appointment of KBH Integra PAC, Auditors for the year 2024.
- 5. (a) In accordance with Rule 37(a) iii of the Constitution, the Committee members were elected unopposed;
  (b) In accordance with Rule 33(a) of the Constitution, the Trustee Group was elected unopposed;
- 6. There was 1 nomination received for Charter Polo Playing Member in accordance with Rule 11.
- 7. There was no resolution received and hence, there was no resolution considered and or voted upon in accordance with Rule 37(a) v.

President Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence

Vice President Hogberg Fred Rickard Robin William

Polo Captain Satinder Garcha Singh

Honorary Secretary Masefield Stephanie Frances

Honorary Treasurer Chua Sheng Jie, Daniel

Committee Members
Peggy Yeo

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Trustee Group Members of 2024/2025 Elected Unopposed

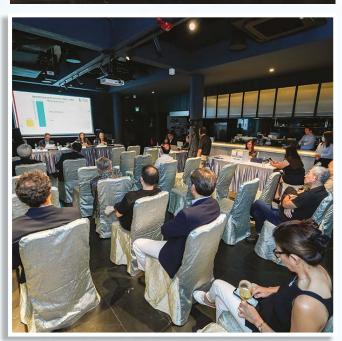
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In accordance with Rule 11 of the Club's Constitution, Lee Joo Bae was voted in as a Charter Polo Playing Member with 94.1% votes for.

### CLUB NEWS













# **Committee** 2024/2025



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### Lunar New Year Craft Workshop

S PC Riding Academy and Atoms Polo Academy celebrated the Lunar New Year with a fun craft workshop for the kids on 2 February. Our young attendees let their creativity soar as they handcrafted their very own dragon hand drum and assembled "Da Ji Da Li" a cute dragon ornament. The evening ended with them savouring some classic Chinese New Year snacks with their fellow equestrian friends and family.

What a wonderful way for the young ones to learn about the Chinese culture and have fun together!

Email <u>atoms@singaporepoloclub.org</u> or <u>riding@singaporepoloclub.org</u> to be on their mailing list for upcoming events.



### **Easter Evening**

ur young equestrians had a hopping good time at SPC Riding Academy and Atoms Polo Academy's Easter evening which encompassed a fun workshop filled with exciting games, activities and hands-on craft. Our guests had a rolling good time making their own cake pop and ended the night with a movie screening of "Hop".

To be a part of the exciting workshops lined up for the year, email the academies at <u>atoms@singaporepoloclub.org</u> or <u>riding@singaporepoloclub.org</u>



POLO

### **Starting the Season in Style**

S addle up everyone! Let us celebrate the start of an unforgettable season! We welcomed the 2024 polo season in style with a fabulous buffet dinner on 6 February right after our evening chukka. Camaraderie filled the chukka terrace as our committee members, polo players, management, polo professionals and staff mingled with one another over food and drinks. Are you ready to witness the speed, grace and skill of our magnificent horses and players?

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### **Atoms Polo League Season 3** 17 February – 10 March 2024

toms Polo League Season 3 might just have been the best season yet. The bar was set high, as many players from previous season competitions were determined than ever to clinch the Season 3 Champions Trophy. The Pink Tornadoes (Junior Division) saw Vittoria Vescovi, Zac Bonehill, Niamh Gordon and Alexia Fon Sing playing with unmatched synergy on the field as they strived for their collective dream to become Season 3 Champions.

It's a shared reality for Geoffrey Alcock, Tumshie Walpole, Jessica Lee and Raymond Ker as they carry the baton of the Yellow Jaguars' (Senior Division) victory to Season 3. With impeccable teamwork and refined riding skills, it's no wonder that the Yellow Jaguars continue to be the Atoms Polo League champions.

A special round of Challengers Match was in play for the Senior Division in place of the Sub-Finals, with a team of Challengers consisting of Alex Haigh, Victoria Great and Louisa Cantley competing for the Challengers Cup against Christian Bucaro, Tanya Alcock and Yee Kai Pin of the Red Dragons. The 2chukka match concluded with the Challengers Team emerging victorious as the Challengers Cup Champions.

Congratulations to the champions of Atoms Polo League Season 3 and a job well done to all players for the exceptional matches played!







First Match of Atoms Polo League Season 3 - Senior & Junior Division









Senior Divisions' Challengers Match The Challengers vs Red Dragons

Finals Match – Senior Divisions' Yellow Jaguars vs Blue Daredevils & Junior Divisions' Pink Tornadoes vs Black Hawks





The Atoms Polo League Season 3 Champions

#### **Senior Division: Yellow Jaguars**

Geoffrey Alcock Tumshie Walpole Raymond Ker Jessica Lee

### Junior Division: Pink Tornadoes

Vittoria Vescovi Zac Bonehill Niamh Gordon Alexia Fon Sing

#### **Most Valuable Player**

Geoffrey Alcock of Yellow Jaguars Claire Graham of Blue Daredevils Victoria Vescovi of Pink Tornadoes

### Special Mentions Most Promising Player

Tumshie Walpole of Yellow Jaguars Laxman Vaidya of Blue Daredevils Zac Bonehill of Pink Tornadoes Harnaaz Singh of Black Hawks

#### **Best Playing Pony**

Dr Lemon ridden by Vittoria Vescovi Pagani ridden by Geoffrey Alcock



The Club's Honorary Secretary, Mrs Stephanie Masefield, the Club's General Manager and Head of Atoms, Mr Sylvan Braberry, sharing the stage with Atoms' resident commentator extraordinaire, Mr Kevin Wilkinson.





Atoms Polo League Season 3 Behind - The-Scenes Team comprising Goal Judges – Polo Rider Boys/Grooms – Rao, Kirin, Rayman & Yan Grounds Team – Manyam, Vasu & AYM team

# Youth Polo Player **Averell Zee**

n this issue, we have a hearty chat with Averell, our youth polo player and she shares all about her hobbies, polo and riding journey thus far.

#### Tell us about yourself.

My name is Averell Zee, I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Singapore American School. I will be turning 13 this year on October 5th. I have an older brother who is in the 8th grade at a boarding school in America on the East Coast. Just like every normal tween, I love to do sports, art, charity work, and simply hanging out with my friends.

The sports I participate in are horse riding, polo, swimming and most recently track and field. I have been a member at the Singapore Polo Club and riding since I was five years old. I ride dressage on my 8-year-old dapple grey Andalusian, Lor Duende, and I play polo on two of my Dad's string of Argentinian polo ponies. I am on my school's track team and I am, what I like to call myself, a "retired swimmer".

#### When did you start playing polo?

I started playing polo at the end of 2022 when I was about 10 years old but I learnt to ride polo style when I was five years old.

#### How supportive is your family in this sport?

With this sport comes two things, adrenaline and danger. On one hand I have my Dad, who loves playing polo and he is very supportive of me learning how to play. In fact, last year we got a chance to play in the Atoms Family Cup alongside other families. On the other hand I have my Mum, who loves that I found something to do outside that is both a form of exercise and educational, instead of being on my phone all day. Naturally, she is terrified that I could easily break an arm or get trampled on by a thousand-pound animal. Even though she's scared to death of me falling off, she is very supportive of the sport and comes to all my games, but rarely my Dad's!

### How did you get interested in polo? Are your parents or siblings into this sport?

Polo runs in my blood. My paternal great great grandfather and great grandfather served as officers in the calvary during the Qing Dynasty. My paternal grandfather rode during his youth in Shanghai and then in the US when he was in university and grad school. My Dad learned how to ride and play polo since a young age where he has played in the US, England, Argentina and now in Singapore.

He also sponsored Team Zee for tournaments in both Argentina and for the season at the Singapore Polo Club. It's a play on his name Tim Zee. Lastly, he published a book called *Notes on Polo & Riding*. I learned to ride together with Mum and brother, but I am the only one, who followed my Dad and learned how to play.

#### **About SPC and Atoms Polo Academy**

#### What do you like about Atoms Polo Academy?

I love that the Atoms Polo Academy sets up kid's chukkas, which I can participate in with all my friends, who are at the Club with me.

#### Other than polo lessons, what do you enjoy most at the Club?

I enjoy just being at the Club. I love being around the club venues with my friends, the grooms and the horses. I especially love hanging out with my polo friends.



#### How does it feel to be a part of Atoms?

It's great to be a part of Atoms. I've made so many friends there and I love the fact that we get the opportunity to play chukkas.

#### **About Atoms Family Cup**

### Share with us your experience of participating in the recent Atoms League Season 3.

The Atoms League Season 3 was an awesome experience. I loved every bit of it! The game was fair, fast, and fun! The best three F's where I learned more about myself as a player. Overall, it was just a great learning experience and I had an amazing time playing!

### Your dad is a polo player himself. Have you shared the field with him? Any memorable moments to share?

My Dad and I played together in the Family Cup. Even though we lost, it was super fun to play with him! My favourite moments from the game were probably our conversations and our teamwork on the field. It's just the constant talking and letting our team know where we are or where we are going. We also backed each other up and got into a train formation so if any one misses the ball, the next player would be in the right position to take it up the field.

### Did you face any challenges during the league and how did you overcome them?

I remember my very first league when I was sort of new to polo so some of the challenges included sorting out the right ponies for me. I was using one of my Dad's faster ponies, and she just took me up and down the field giving me a really hard time. So I tried a few more until I found just the right two for me to use.



#### **About the Sport**

### Do you own a polo pony? If you do, tell us more about your relationship with it. If not, let us know the name of your favourite pony at the Academy.

I have been using two of my Dad's polo ponies; Madre and Felicita. I love riding them and looking after them so much. They are so sweet, great ponies and easy to ride.

#### Who are you taking lessons with and what's your favourite lesson?

On the polo side, I have taken lessons from all the polo pros such as Colonel Ravi, Cody, Roon Kai and Sani Khan as well as from visiting pros such as Carlos, JJ, Namu and Malcolm. For dressage, I have lessons with Katherine three times a week.

I have many favourite lessons as each one have their moments that are special, but recently I have particularly enjoyed my 8:35am group lessons on Saturday mornings with Sanni Khan. I love the lesson so much because I get to enjoy it with all my friends and others. We also get to play chukkas in that lesson and it's just a ton of fun.

#### Chukkas take place regularly at the Club. Have you watched one?

Since my Dad plays polo at the club, he takes me to the club in the afternoon to hang out there and get some Vitamin D. So usually on the weekends, I go to the Club and hang out with friends while watching chukkas. On some occasions if I don't have anything after school and I don't have lessons, I will go to the Club to do my homework.

#### **Polo & Fitness**

### What's a typical day like for you?

A typical day for me would be to wake up super early to get ready for school and get on the bus. This season I have after school activities every single day except Fridays. On Monday I have Peer Council, Tuesday and Thursdays is track and field and Wednesday is Food from the Heart. I come home at around 5:15pm when I have after school activities. However, on Fridays I come home at 4, and then I have my dressage lesson with Katherine.





#### How many days a week do you train?

Because of my after-school activities this season I've only been able to train for polo once a week and if I'm lucky twice a week. I have dressage lessons three times a week. During the holiday season, if I'm not going out of the city, I will be riding almost every day, have extra dressage lessons and try to add some polo lessons.

#### Have you been on any Polo Holidays?

I have not been on any polo holidays yet, but would love to go. We tried to play in the US at the Myopia Polo Club just outside of Boston when we visited my brother at his boarding school, but the season had ended. I am sure I will have the opportunity to play abroad in the US, Argentina and England like my Dad and even with him.

#### What would you like to say to anyone intending to take up polo?

Polo is a great sport. It's a whole lot of fun. As with all sports, it can be dangerous, so you can't be afraid. You're on top of a 900-pound animal who has a brain and body of its own. It could crush you in a second. If you want to play polo, learn to ride well first. Some people might want to try the sport after watching social media or movies, but they have to prepare themselves that it is a dangerous sport and not to give up so easily after a fall. "I'm going to ride, but if I fall, I'm going to get back on that horse, and keep riding. I'm going to teach the horse that it's not allowed to get away with things by just throwing me to the ground. More importantly, I'm going to teach myself that it's just part of the sport, and if I want to do this sport, I have to get back on that horse." My Dad always tells me two things, "Know how to stop and know how to fall." He also says this to me when we go skiing.

In fact, falling is part of the sport, but the mistakes and falls make you a better rider. I'm not just talking about polo. I'm talking about jumping and dressage. In fact, it is true for all disciplines of riding and even other sport. In dressage, you get points marked off from making mistakes in your test, but it's okay. You'll just learn from them and get it right the next time. In jumping, you'll get time added because you might have knocked a pole or missed the jump, but it's also okay as you'll learn from it and you'll get it the next time. Mistakes help you learn.

Lastly, I promise this is the last thing I need to say, horses will test you, teach you and bring out the best in you, but you have to work together, as a team to get to that last stage in bringing out the best in you. Trust me, after being in that saddle, you can never stop that connection you have with your horse. It's unexplainable. It's unimaginable. It's amazing. This sport just needs teamwork, with your horse, with your team, with everybody and anybody.

Have a great time riding!

### BTSC Jump Show on 27 & 28 January

e kick started 2024's riding season at Bukit Timah Saddle Club's jump show on the weekend of 27 and 28 January! The Academy is proud of our riders who clinched significant placings in the 2-day show. Well done everyone and let's bring in more medals this year!

### RESULTS 110CM ONE ROUND AGAINST THE CLOCK 1°t place: Lynly Fong and Akita

**100CM ONE ROUND WITH JUMP OFF** 

**1**st place: Lynly Fong and Akita **3**rd place:

Elly Poh and Faylista

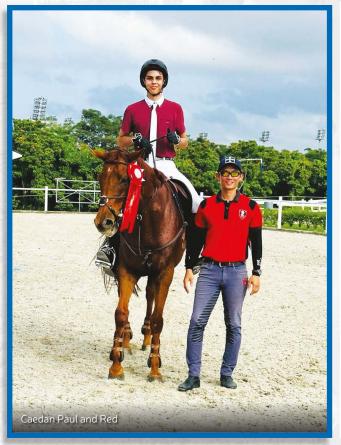
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120CM ONE ROUND WITH JUMP OFF

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Caedan Paul and Red







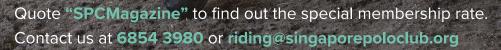
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## **SPC Training Show**

ur riders galloped into victory at SPC Riding Academy's first training show of the year held over the weekend of 3 and 4 February 2024! Congratulations everyone!

#### Here are the results from the 2-day show.





#### SATURDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

#### **FEI PSG**

**1**<sup>st</sup> place: Gina Lim and Heathrow-W with 67.79% **2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Megan Ding and JÁdore with 66.32%

#### EA ADVANCED 5.1 (EFFECTIVE 2023)

**1st place:** Seah Sui Lyn and Gucci with 65.81%

EA MEDIUM 4.2 (EFFECTIVE 2023)

**1st place:** Caedan Paul and Red with 64.86%

#### EA NOVICE 2.2 (EFFECTIVE 2023)

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Elly Poh and Faylista with 68.90% **2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Lie Aywen and Gaudi with 67.18%

#### EA NOVICE 2.1 (EFFECTIVE 2023)

**1**⁵t **place:** Victoria Ni and Guiness with 66.15% **2™ place:** Alessandro Caldana and A Touch of Sportsfield with 65.57%

#### EA PRELIMINARY 1.2 (EFFECTIVE 2023)

**1**⁵t **place:** Corinne Williams and Rambo No.5 with 64.10% **2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Zoe De Geytere and Lucky with 63.57%

#### EA PRELIMINARY 1.1 20 X 60 ARENA (EFFECTIVE 2023)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alannah King and Venice with 67.80% 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kamilla Abo and General Lee with 67.60% 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Nathalie Guiral and Halifax with 66.60%

#### EA PRELIMINARY 1.1 (SENIOR) 20 X 40 ARENA (EFFECTIVE 2023)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Belinda Cabanes and Tyrion with 70% 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Macie Douglas and Sir James with 68.80% 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Andrea Lorenz and Dandy with 68.00% 4<sup>th</sup> place: Olivia Douglas and Sharpy with 67.40% 5<sup>th</sup> place: Amelia Chalmers and General Lee with 66.40%

#### EA PRELIMINARY 1.1 (JUNIOR) 20 X 40 ARENA (EFFECTIVE 2023)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Indi Sicrea and Tiptoe with 67.80% 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Grace Toal and Sir James with 66.20% 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Victoria Shaw and No Limit with 61.40%

#### EA PREP 1 (SENIOR) 20 X 40 ARENA (EFFECTIVE 2023)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Gia Piparaiya and Tyrion with 70.66% 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Anna Iwaki and CJ with 70.33% 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ayla Bower and Rascal with 68.66% 5<sup>th</sup> place: Samaara Menon and Shadow with 67.66%

#### EA PREP 1 (JUNIOR) 20 X 40 ARENA (EFFECTIVE 2023)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alexandra Sara Tuomola and Rascal with 70.33% 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Morgan Tay and Sir James with 66.33% 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Anna Srom and No Limit with 65.66% 4<sup>th</sup> place: Jessica Bakody Arlettaz and Tiptoe with 65.66% 5<sup>th</sup> place: Olivia Craggs and Maverick with 65.33%

#### **SUNDAY, 4 FEBRUARY**

#### CLASS 13: 40 - 50CM CLEAR ROUND ART. 238 #1.1

Tara Jaidka and Tyrion Gia Piparaiya and Tyrion Alannah King and General Lee Julian Clark and Venice Indi Sicrea and Tiptoe Mai Singh and Sidan Samaara Menon and Dimples Zarah Kenwright and Tiptoe Claudette Hoepffner and General Lee (4 faults) Jimmy Kim and Venice (4 faults)

#### CLASS 14: 60 - 70CM CLEAR ROUND ART. 238 #1.1

Macie Douglas and Tyrion Sophie Grotowski and Lily Alessandro Caldana and A Touch of Sportsfield (4 faults) Jimmy Kim and Venice (4 faults) Zoe De Geytere and McKenny (4 faults) Olivia Douglas and Maverick (4 faults) Seraphina Chin and Lily (4 faults) Leyla Duque and Catharina (8 faults)

#### CLASS 15: 80CM CLEAR ROUND ART. 238 #1.1

Lilly De Geytere and Dandy

CLASS 16: 90CM 1 ROUND WITH JUMP OFF ART. 238 #2.1

**1st place:** Lilly De Geytere and <u>Dandy</u>

#### CLASS 17: 100CM 1 ROUND WITH JUMP OFF ART. 238 #2.1

1st place: Lynly Fong and Akita 2nd place (4 Faults):

Elly Poh and Faylista

CLASS 18: 110CM 1 ROUND WITH JUMP OFF ART. 238 #2.1

**1**<sup>st</sup> **place:** Lynly Fong and Akita

CLASS 19: 120CM 1 ROUND WITH JUMP OFF ART. 238 #2.1 1<sup>st</sup> place:

Yasmine Bonehill and Fontrice







## CSIJ-B Pattaya 2024

S PC Riding Academy's rider, Yasmine Bonehill flew our Academy flag high as she participated in the CSIJ-B competition from 15 to 17 February in Pattaya, Thailand. Representing Team Singapore, she clinched the third spot in the individual 95cm to 100cm class. Team Thailand and Team Malaysia clinched the second and first placings respectively.

Congratulations to all riders and well done Yasmine!





Vasmine during the competition

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## NEC Lunar Leaps Interclub Jumping Show

ongratulations to Yasmine Bonehill and Fontrice for clinching the first place in the 115cm 1 round with Jump off at National Equestrian Centre's Lunar Leaps Show on 18 February 2024!





## BTSC's Ride the Dragon Dressage Show

ur riders, Megan Ding and Yasmine Bonehill did us proud at BTSC's Ride the Dragon Dressage Show held on 24 and 25 February 2024.

Congratulations, ladies!

#### DAY 1

#### FEI PRIX ST GEORGE

**1°t place:** Megan Ding on J'adore scoring 66.912%

**EA NOVICE 2.1** 1<sup>st</sup> place: Yasmine Bonehill on Fontrice scoring 68.077%

DAY 2

#### EA ADVANCE 2.2

**1**<sup>st</sup> **place:** Megan Ding on J'adore scoring 66.316% **2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Yasmine Bonehill on Fontrice scoring 63.906%





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## STCRC Mártios Jump Show

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did us proud at Singapore Turf Club and Riding Centre's Mártios Jump Show on 2 and 3 March 2024.

Here are the results from the two-day weekend competition!

DAY 1 100CM AGAINST THE CLOCK 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nikki and Oldtimer Van de Zuurhaege with clear round 110CM AGAINST THE CLOCK 1<sup>st</sup> place: Caedan Paul and Red with clear round 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Yasmine Bonehill and Fontrice with clear round

#### DAY 2

120CM ONE ROUND WITH JUMP OFF

**1st place:** Caedan Paul and Red Yasmine Bonehill and Fontrice







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## NEC Dressage on 9 and 10 March

ur rider, Megan Ding and her horse, J'adore clinched 1st Place in the FEI Prix St. George and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the FEI Intermediate 1 at NEC's March Dressage Show on 9 & 10 March 2024!

Congratulations to the duo and huge shoutout to our instructor, Edric Lee for preparing them for the day.



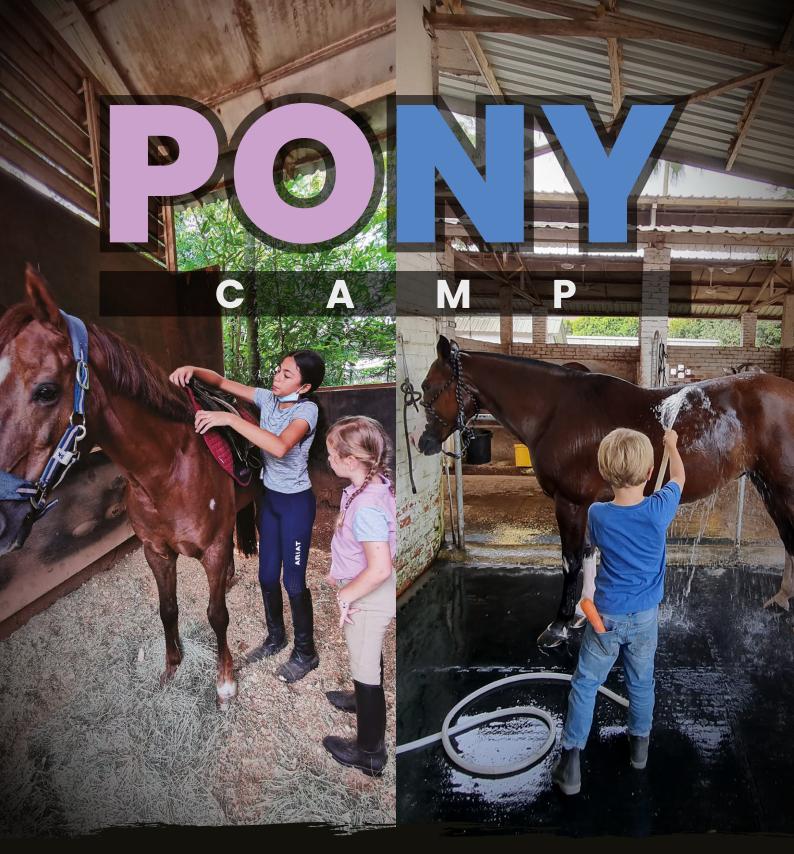
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13-year-old Sophie Grotowski has been riding with the Academy for over three years and in this issue, she shares with us some interesting riding related happenings and her plans for this passion of hers.

**SPC Young Rider** 

Sophie Grotowski

#### When did you start riding, and how old were you?

I started riding in September 2020 at the age of 9 and was doing an introductory course at National Equestrian Centre (NEC).

#### When did you join SPC and what do you like about the club?

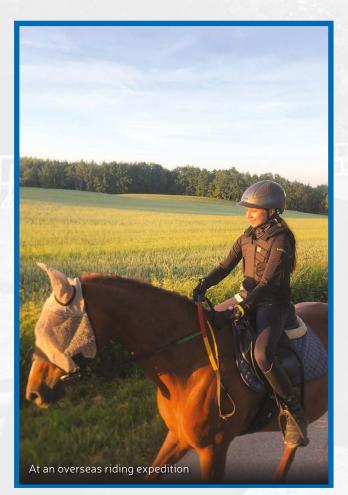
We joined SPC in October 2020. I like the supportive community here at the club, and I have made many friends who have supported me in and out of riding. I'm grateful to all of them for making the Polo Club such a special place for me.

How long do you train and how many days do you train in a week? I ride four times a week. I have one polo lesson with Atoms Polo Academy and three riding lessons at the SPC Riding Academy.

#### How do you find time to juggle between school and riding?

I try to get as much work done as I can on my non-riding days, so that when I get to the club I can focus on riding and not worry about my schoolwork.





#### Any interesting experience?

This happened a while back. I had a jump class with one of my friends, and I was adjusting my stirrups before the lesson while holding my reins loose. Suddenly, out of nowhere, Lily just spooked at a bird and she ran off with me on her, with me not being ready and holding on for dear life. I think we did a solid two laps around the arena in gallop.

It was hilarious and we couldn't stop laughing afterwards. This taught me to always be prepared at what might happen with ponies and to always be ready for unexpected spooks or bolts.

#### Do you ride on your own horse, or is there a favourite horse you're comfortable riding?

Right now, I'm leasing this pony named Lily. She's sassy but talented and has taught me so much over the past year and has brought me so far in terms of my riding journey.

Lily taught me to sit bucks and jump higher fences. Plus we've also achieved some nice scores in dressage shows. I also leased Rascal for a couple of months in 2022. He's the one who got me into doing shows more regularly and competing at show jumping. I'm very happy to have had the opportunity to ride these two amazing ponies and I'm excited for the future to come.

#### Who is your idol in terms of riding?

I do not have an idol in riding but I look up to my friends and my coaches a lot.



#### Have you participated in any training shows, interclub shows, Nationals or World Championships?

I have participated in training and interclub shows hosted here at the polo club. I enjoy spending time with my friends while getting our ponies groomed, braided and ready for competitions. The community spirit here at the club is what makes it such a wonderful place, and is what makes these shows so much fun.

#### Have you visited any riding clubs overseas or engaged in any riding activities?

I did a horse camp two years ago in Poland and got to try a bit of cross country along with nice long hacks out in the forests. There is just so much land and it is nice to be taking it all in while on horseback. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience and lhad the opportunity to improve my riding while meeting new people.

#### What's your advice for someone intending to take up riding?

Honestly, I would just say to dive in headfirst. Don't be scared to try new things. Coming out of your comfort zone will be useful in this sport, and it will bring you so far!!!

#### What are your future plans and ambitions? Where do you see yourself?

This summer, I will be participating in another camp in Ireland along with one of my friends from the Academy. In the future, I hope to engage in more competitions and make more memories on horseback.



## Our Newest Additions to the Riding Academy

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xciting times indeed at our Riding Academy as we welcome these magnificent new horses to our beautiful riding community at the Club. Get ready for incredible rides and unforgettable experiences ahead as they bring their grace and strength to our equestrian family.





Magic Coco Colour: Chestnut Breed: German Riding Pony Sex: Mare D.O.B: 1 Jan 2018

No Limit Colour: Chestnut Breed: New Forest Pony Sex: Gelding D.O.B: 12 May 2019



MC Kenny Colour: Chestnut Breed: German Riding Pony Sex: Gelding D.O.B: 13 May 2018



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Fleur: Grey Colour: Grey Breed: KWPN Sex: Mare D.O.B: 29 Apr 2019

Colour: Bay Breed: Welsh Pony Sex: Mare D.O.B: 12 Apr 2012

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## Lunar New Year Lo-Hei & Lion Dance

We ushered in the Year of the Dragon with good vibes and great company at our Annual Lunar New Year celebration on 16 February for members and their guests.

Pressed to the theme, we started our evening with an energetic lion dance performance at the Polo Bar. Members, along with their families and friends, joyously tossed the auspicious Yusheng symbolizing good fortune and abundance for the coming year. There were also exciting activities such as Showjumping by SPC Riding Academy, Tent-pegging by Colonel Ravi Rathore, Lead Polo Professional of Atoms Polo Academy, treasure hunt and fun-filled Chinese New Year-inspired games for the children and adults. What a fun evening it was, filled with laughter, camaraderie and unforgettable moments!

See you at our next Club event! For enquiries on upcoming events, email events@singaporepoloclub.org





Our President, Mr Lawrence Khong and Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Stephanie Masefield receive the auspicious scroll from the lions

#### Adorable moments with our Fortune Mascot!









From left to right: Our General Mahager, Mr Sylvan Braberry, Club President, Mr Lawrence Khong and his wife, Mrs Nina Khong

Winners from the "Bingo" game









Guests at our photo-booth







A traditional Yusheng





Mr Lawrence Khong and his wife tossing the yusheng with members





A boisterous lion dance which signifies happiness, prosperity and good luck for the coming year





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## Eggstreme Easter Fun & Egg Hunt

ur members and guests had an egg-straordinary time at our Easter party held on 16 March. Children were treated to an exciting magic show, participated in lots of games and activities and thoroughly enjoyed dolling themselves at our face painting and jagua tattoo stations. It was a day filled with laughter, good company and lots of chocolatey surprises! We can't wait to welcome you back for more of such parties.

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## **Dengue Fever:** How to Recover Fast

If you are recovering from dengue fever, there are things you can do to help with recovery. The Department of Infectious Diseases from Sengkang General Hospital (SingHealth) shares more.

engue fever is caused by the dengue virus transmitted from the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito. There are no specific medications or antivirals to treat dengue fever so treatment is directed towards the relief of symptoms.

"We advise dengue patients to rest and drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration from high fever, poor oral intake or vomiting. Paracetamol can be taken for the fever and to reduce joint pains. However, painrelievers such as aspirin and ibuprofen should be avoided as it they may increase bleeding complications," said Dr Pushpalatha Bangalore Lingegowda, Senior Consultant from the Department of Infectious Disease at Sengkang General Hospital (SKH), a member of the SingHealth group.

Dengue fever usually lasts between 2 to 7 days. Most people recover from dengue infection without requiring hospital admission.

#### 4 Things to do to recover from dengue fever fast

1. Maintain adequate hydration

Drink plenty of fluids (water, isotonic drinks, fruit juices and soup) to maintain hydration. Avoid tea, coffee, alcohol and soft drinks with high sugar content which may cause dehydration If you are unable to drink due to nausea or vomiting, fluids may be given intravenously by drip.

#### 2. Keep symptoms under control

Fever and joint pains can be relieved by taking paracetamol. Medications may be prescribed for nausea, vomiting and if there are itchy rashes. Rashes usually resolve on its own over two to three weeks. Avoid pain-relievers and anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, ibuprofen, diclofenac, naproxen and mefenamic acid) as they may cause gastric ulcers and subsequent bleeding in your stomach or intestines. Some of these medications may thin the blood and increase chances of bleeding leading to complications requiring hospital admission. If unsure, please consult your doctor.

#### 3. Avoid bleeding

Rest in bed, reduce risk of falls and injuries to avoid risk of unnecessary bleeding. Intramuscular injections should be avoided. If you develop bleeding, bruises or swellings while recovering from dengue fever, please contact your doctor or nurse immediately.

#### 4. Foods to eat and avoid

When asked about foods to eat for healing, Dr Pushpalatha answered, "There are no specific foods to eat or avoid, however the common dictum when one falls sick from any illness applies such as avoid raw, greasy or fat, spicy foods. Light and easy to digest food is advised when one is sick."

#### When to see a doctor immediately

Please see a doctor immediately If you develop any of following symptoms:

- Severe abdominal pain
- Persistent vomiting
- Vomiting blood
- Black and tarry stools
- Bleeding from the nose or gums
- · Drowsiness or irritability
- · Pale, cold, or clammy (sweaty) skin
- Difficulty breathing

FAQs about dengue fever

#### What are the symptoms for dengue fever? Dengue fever symptoms include:

- Fever (which can last up to 7 days)
- Intense headache with pain behind the eyes
- Body aches and joint pain
- Rashes
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Mild bleeding (such as nose or gum bleeds) or easy bruising

#### How is dengue fever diagnosed?

As dengue fever symptoms are similar to other viral illnesses such as influenza, typhoid fever, malaria and mosquito borne infections like Chikungunya and Zika, your doctor will conduct clinical assessments and blood tests at regular intervals to determine which stage of dengue you are at. Tests include:

- Full blood count: To assess blood concentration, platelet count and white blood cells
- · Dengue diagnostic tests: To confirm the dengue diagnosis
- Kidney and liver tests: To check for dehydration, kidney and liver function
- Other tests: Based on your condition

#### If I have dengue, will I spread it to others?

Dengue fever does not spread directly from person to person. However, a person with dengue fever can infect a mosquito when he or she is bitten and infected mosquitoes in turn can infect healthy people by biting them.

#### Can I get dengue fever again if I've been infected before?

There are 4 strains of the dengue virus: DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3 and DEN-4. Once you recover from one strain, you are unlikely to contract the same strain as your body would have built immunity against it. However, you may get dengue fever again from the other dengue strains.

"First-time dengue infections can be severe, especially among the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions. But repeat dengue infections have been associated with higher risk of severe dengue (also known as dengue haemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome) which can be fatal," explained Dr Pushpalatha.

"So it is important that everyone be vigilant in the prevention of dengue."

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When it comes to making strength gains, your time in the gym and the exercises you choose are important. Just as important as the time inside the gym is the time spent recovering outside the gym helping the muscles recover.

### Best Ways to Help Your Body Recover

#### Proper Cool-Down

#### **Nutrition for Strength Training Recovery**

The saying is that 80% of fitness goals happen in the kitchen, not what's done in the gym.

- Post-workout nutrition. You should be consuming protein and carbohydrates within 30 to 60 minutes of completing a workout.
- Drinking enough water. Even 1% of dehydration can affect a person's performance in the gym.
- Skip the junk food. Stay focused on healthy decisions even when you're not at the gym—opt for foods that boost recovery and support a healthy diet rather than binging on junk.

#### Sleep

Eventually, a lack of sleep will lead to fatigue and overtraining and leave you susceptible to injury.

Here are some examples to help improve sleep:

- Shutting off the lights 1 hour before bed
- Limiting screens 1 hour before bed
- Sleeping in a cool dark room
- Go to sleep and wake up at the same times each day
- Aim to get 7 to 9 hours of sleep per night

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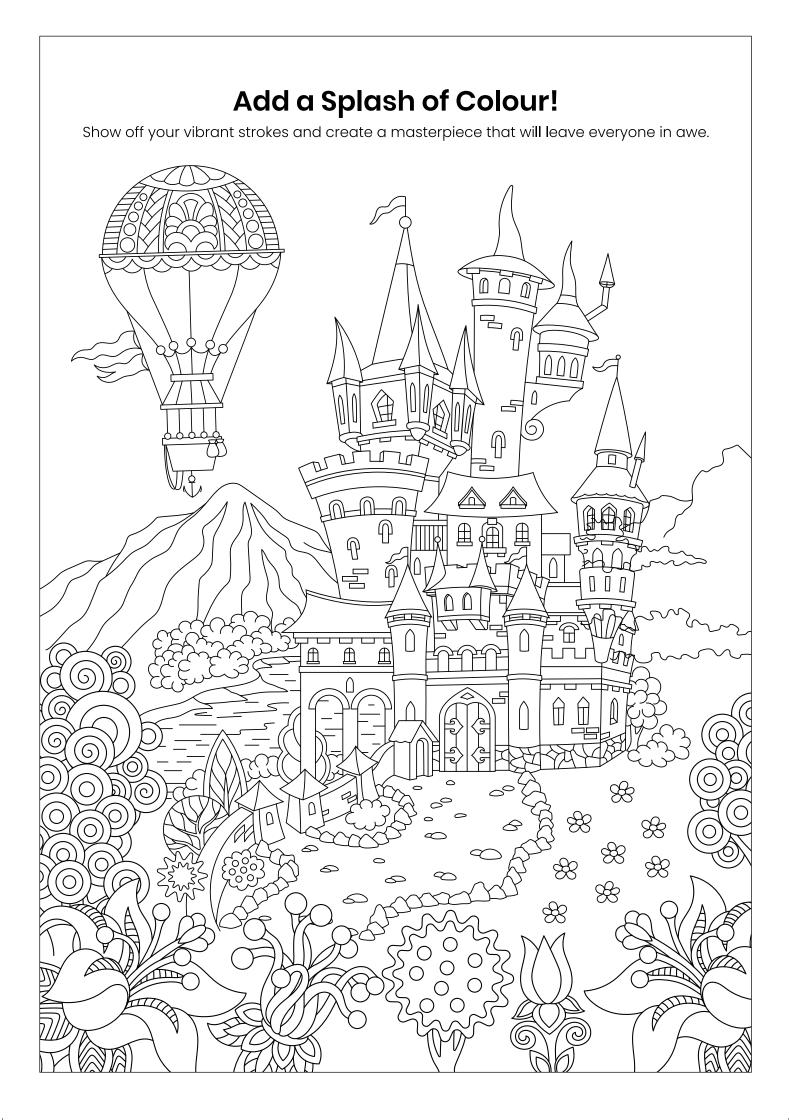
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