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Dear Fellow Members,

We would like to welcome Rene Verhulst, our new General Manager, to the Club. Rene brings with him an extensive international experience in the hospitality industry. With his hotel and Club background and enthusiasm, we are confident that he will be a great asset to the different challenges we are facing. He is also a rider and has promised to take some polo lessons!

It is with great pleasure that we can announce Derek Mitchell and K.C. Loh have accepted the Club’s invitation to join Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy as patrons of the Club. They have been members of the Committee for many years, including the position as President of the Club. Derek Mitchell served as President from 1993–1995 while K.C. Loh served as President from 1989–1992 and again from 2001–2004. We welcome them and look forward to their continued support of our Club.

The last three months have been action-packed. After the very successful Barclays Japan Cup in August and Ladies International Polo in early October, we held the Club’s inaugural Korea Cup, featuring the all-Korean polo team in an international competition. This tournament was in association with The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Singapore, Korean Tourism Organization, and the Korea Polo Country Club. There will also be a series of other Club cups until 30 November.

The Riding Section has seen an active third quarter with more riding lessons taken up by members especially during the summer. This has brought about a positive financial result for the Riding Section.

The Club is moving towards a professional management of basic services in all areas including stable management, riding, schooling and exercising of horses. The grooms and other staff of the Club today have remuneration contracts approved by our unions and giving appropriate pay. In order to avoid tipping by individuals as it corrupts and corrodes our management and internal incentive systems, a new Bye-Law (B.2 on Staff Tipping) has been implemented which prohibits members from tipping Club staff without the permission of Club management. An existing Bye-Law (D5c, Riding Section, Charges and Cancellation Policy) has also been amended to streamline the charges and cancellation process and to better manage riding lessons for all riders. Your understanding and adherence to these Bye-Laws would be appreciated.

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

Rickard Hogberg
President
UPCOMING EVENTS
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2014

DON’T MISS THE EXCITING LINE-UP OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER!

Polo – Ladies International Polo 2014
Riding – Autumn Jumping Festival
Polo – Korea Cup 2014
Events – Children’s Halloween Party
Polo – Novice Tournament & Club Tournament

Riding – Thanksgiving Show
Polo – Melbourne Cup 2014
Polo – Battle of the Sexes & Club Tournament
Polo – Grooms Cup & Club Tournament

Events – Christmas Light Up
Polo – Last Day of Polo of 2014
Events – Children’s Christmas Party

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

It is indeed a pleasure and an honour to take up the reins of the Singapore Polo Club, one of the oldest clubs in Singapore.

The first three weeks have gone by very quickly and I have been talking to members every day as they point me in the right direction in more than one way. I am mostly listening to both my team and members, in order to learn what is going on in the club and to hear your comments, ideas and suggestions.

Once I have a better understanding of what really lives among the members, I’ll move forward to make the necessary improvements, under the directions and guidance of the Committees. I can see a lot of potential to implement changes that will benefit the Club in many ways.

Although I have been riding since I was young, I have to admit to being a bit ‘rusty’ at the moment, let alone having a go at the game of Polo!

It was fascinating to watch the exciting annual Ladies International Polo tournament in early October and the inaugural Korea Cup on 18-19 October. 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.

Five new horses have arrived and are now added to the Club’s Riding string. They will help to increase the number of opportunities for riding lessons – a welcome move for Members and their children who are keen and waiting to start!

Our Riding Section will close the year with a show on 29-30 November, held at our Covered Arena as a highlight for our riding fraternity.

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

We urge members to show their membership cards for all food and beverage transactions when at the club. This will help the staff to charge to the correct members’ account. Each month there are a number of disputes regarding charges made by mistake. We appreciate your cooperation when the staff will ask you for your membership card at the time of ordering.

If you have not received our weekly e-news and would like to keep up to date on all the latest events and promotions, please forward your name and email address to: 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 you are kept up-to-date with happenings at the Club.

On behalf of the entire team of the Singapore Polo Club, I would like to wish you, and your family great festive months ahead!

I look forward to meeting you all at the Club.

Rene Verhulst
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In the most eagerly-awaited final of the 2014 season, a closely-fought match between TATA Communications Asia and TATA Communications Europe (played by Paisano Dragons) leaves TATA Managing Director Vinod Kumar victorious with his team, while the Paisano Dragons narrowly miss out on the chance to become the first-ever holders of the Singapore Triple Crown title.

In two previous tournaments in April and May 2014, the Paisano Dragons had emerged victors and a third tournament title in the 10-goal Singapore Open 2014 would have resulted in them being able to call themselves the first-ever holders of the Singapore Triple Crown title.

The Paisano Dragons had a good run-up to the final day with 2 wins and 1 loss in the preliminary round, but suffered from having to remove several of their ponies from their string due to injury in the early matches, without being able to replace them.

The TATA Communications Asia team had a slower start to the tournament with a loss to TATA Communications Middle East in the preliminary rounds, but substantially improved their teamwork in the following matches and managed to beat Paisano Dragons in the last match of the preliminary rounds. However, it was expected by many that Paisano Dragons would come back with increased determination for the all-important final.

The final started with TATA Communications Asia immediately putting pressure on the Paisano Dragons with Vinod Kumar doing an outstanding job of keeping Marc Hogberg away from the play as much as possible. This allowed TATA Asia’s two professionals more room to play to each other’s strengths and take an early lead. However, Paisano Dragons’ Nico Pieroni made a magnificent run, closing it with an angled distance-shot straight in the goal with seconds to spare, to bring the match back within half a goal at the end of chukka 2.

The final two chukkas were a nailbiting display of determination by the TATA Communications Asia team to overcome Paisano Dragons. Bautista Arrastua and Horacio Llorente seemed to be able to read each other’s minds and often played a 1-2 combination to get closer to goal. Paisano Dragons’ Nico Pieroni and David Bernal tried similarly hard to push the ball up, and David’s long hits gained them territory, but too often found an unmarked Jonathan Gabler deep in defense picking up the ball and clearing it towards the sides of the field before an attacker could get near it.

Between the strong attack and the solid defense of TATA Communications Asia, it wasn’t long before Bautista Arrastua scored a TATA Communications Asia wins Singapore Open 2014: Paisano Dragons narrowly miss chance to win historical Singapore Triple Crown title

TATA Communications Asia wins Singapore Open 2014: Paisano Dragons narrowly miss chance to win historical Singapore Triple Crown title
magnificent goal from a long approach-shot by Horacio Llorente, taking the lead and keeping it all the way until the end of the game.

After the final bell, the TATA Communications Asia team and their supporters broke out in jubilant cheers for what was a long, hard road to final victory. Bautista Arriatusa deservedly received the Most Valuable Player award for his performance. Paisano Dragons’ pony Primavera owned by Ronnie Lim won Best Playing Pony.

In the match for third and fourth place, the Singapore Polo Club team headed by team patron Melissa Ko was hit hard in the first chukka with four goals scored against them and was never able to recover. Their professional Andres Laplacette was consistently well-marked, resulting in Melissa Ko and Waqas Khan having to take over goal-scoring duties with 2 goals each to their name.

For LaSarita/Headhunters playing as TATA Communications Middle East, Matias Vial Perez stood out with his long hits upfield and accuracy in taking penalties resulting in 5 goals scored by him. Ameer Jumabroy played a magnificent game, constantly pushing the line and for his efforts was rewarded with 2 goals. He was reportedly in the running for Most Valuable Player prior to the final match being played. In the end, the combined effort resulted in a 9-6.5 win over the Singapore Polo Club team.

The prize ceremony and subsequent asado party was a celebration for all teams who made an effort in this final tournament of the Singapore Triple Crown.
For the fourth year running, The Barclays Japan Cup was held at the Singapore Polo Club from 30 to 31 August 2014.

This year was the second time the Club brought in the yabusame (mounted archery) display to Singapore, and also for the second time, an all-Japanese polo team would play.

The event was well-received and resulted in a huge crowd with over 300 Japanese expatriates on the final day.

The tournament started with the C Division match on Saturday, 30 August, between SPC Black & SPC Red with a total of 8 club members participating, showing the huge interest from players in this event. The C Division match was ultimately won by the SPC Black team with team captain Waqas Khan and supported by fellow teammates Kent Erugrul, Paul Hodes and Marc Goldberg.

On the final day of the tournament, the crowd was treated to a 10-person taiko (Japanese drum) performance. Synchronised in both movement and sound, it made for an impressive introduction for the B Division match between LEXUS and Royal Salute, which were the highest-rated teams of the tournament.

The LEXUS team beat Royal Salute convincingly with a score of 11-7 over a total of eight chukkas, with Ameer Jumabhoy, Lynly Fong and Melissa Ko all scoring three goals each, whilst Lawrence Khong scored two goals for the LEXUS team. On the Royal Salute team, Jonathan Gabler and Anna Lowndes scored two goals each and Giles Twiss scored one goal.

Next was one of the main attractions of the day: the mounted archery performance. Two yabusame archers were flown in from Japan and Australia 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 archers rode their horses on the sand track 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 loud applause for the archer’s impressive performance.

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 team captain
Ameer Jumabhoy, April McKenna, Greg Parkhurst, Maryam Reda, Kevin Wilkinson, Ann Wilkinson and Stephanie Masefield 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 12 - 6 with Hiro Suzuki being voted Most Valuable Player of The Barclays Japan Cup 2014.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Taro Otsuka of Pocari Sweat, as well as corporate sponsors Barclays, LEXUS and Royal Salute. We would also like to thank sponsors Stella Artois, FoxSports – StarSports, Horse&Country TV, LivingPolo.com and Polo+10 The Polo Magazine for their support.

And with the support of Barclays, Pocari Sweat and Royal Salute, this event will return again in 2015. Until then!
The National Jumping Championships took place over 14-15 June amidst the picturesque setting of the Singapore Polo Club. This annual show jumping extravaganza attracted a record of close to 70 riders and horses of various levels, from the Bukit Timah Saddle Club, National Equestrian Centre, Singapore Polo Club and Singapore Turf Club Riding Centre, compared to 53 entries the previous year.

The 90cm category saw the most entries, with many new horse-and-rider combinations, clearly illustrating the growing interest in this discipline - surprisingly even from polo player Keith Yeo, who managed to fit in a few rounds of jumping in-between chukkas!

The higher-level classes showcased many of our favourite combinations, who did not disappoint either. In addition to the usual competition formats, the introduction of the two-phase competition against the clock proved to be a real crowd-pleaser, with the riders trying their best to whizz around Rafiq Radinal’s course without collecting too many penalties!

Thanks to our judge for the weekend, Mr NY Ho, as well as the generous sponsors from Animal Physiotherapy, Classic Equine Dentistry, Kerrits by Saddled Up LLP, Equine Sanctuary, Hit Air Shock Buffering System, Zack’s Tack, Horka International Riding Wear and Mano Equestrian Services. We must also thank the families who very kindly sponsored some of the classes: Ada Bjordal, Julie Ovidi, Samantha Parkhurst, Dirk Paulsen, Deborah Thurley, Gamunu Samarakoon and Koh Chye Hock; and also the many volunteers, whose tireless efforts over the weekend contributed to the success of the competition.
1st place 1.10m Championship – Kirsten Reinhart & Ryan J (BTSC)

1st place 1.20m Championship – Bethan Withers & Fiero du Riou (BTSC)

1st place 70cm Star of the Future – Shana Thurley & Toby (SPC)

2nd place 1m Championship – Alysha Nair & Flash Top Hat (NEC)

2nd place 80cm Star of the Future – Marie van Hove & Gemma (BTSC)

2nd place 1.10m Championship – Katinka Thorburn & Falcon Kittywake (BTSC)

2nd place 70cm Star of the Future – Charlotte Dorrey & Desiree II (BTSC)

2nd place 90cm Championship – Keith Yeo & Sugar Plum Fairy (SPC)

2nd place 80cm Star of the Future – Kim Koh & Scoury de la Ronelle (NEC)

1st place 90cm Championship – Nancy Hughes & Foxdale Villarni (NEC)

2nd place 1.20m Championship – Kim Koh & Soury de la Ronelle (NEC)

2nd place 90cm Championship – Keith Yeo & Sugar Plum Fairy (SPC)
Welcome To OUR NEW SCHOOL PONIES

The 5 new ponies safely arrived at SPC on 2nd September following 48 hours of travelling from the UK and 14 days in quarantine in Singapore – they are in remarkably good condition and are calmly settling into their new surroundings. On their first afternoon at the Club they were treated to spa sessions with Club farrier Jamie tending to their feet and our team of syces bathing, grooming and hand walking them allowing them time to settle in and adjust to their exciting new surroundings.

Here is a little introduction to each of our newest team members. We look forward to seeing them in lessons and winning SPC shows in the near future...

CVS CASCADE 150CM BAY HOLSTEIN SCHOOLMISTRESS
Cassie is our only new mare, she is an 11 year old Holsteiner with prestigious bloodlines including sires Landgraf and Cathago. Before moving to Singapore she was owned and competed by a teenage girl in pony club novice dressage and up to 1 metre BSJA show jumping. Her competition experience means she is a great schoolmistress to get going in the SPC Shows and we look forward to seeing her competing in Dressage up to Elementary and jumping up to 1 metre this season.

TRICULA TONGUE TWISTER 133CM (LHC) BAY RIDING PONY SCHOOLMASTER
Ollie is a well mannered 12 year old bay gelding with famous British Riding Pony bloodlines mixing Welsh and Arab breeds. He is a true British gentleman & a lovely ride as he is also a very big moving pony. He has a very good show record in the UK & qualified for the HOYS and RIHS in his younger days. He is trained up to FEI Medium level dressage and has competed in show jumping and dressage at Pony Club Festivals and Championships in the UK. He has a sweet nature but can sometimes be a little grumpy in his stable but the more he trusts you the less he grumps.

RHENCULLEN ROMEO 143CM DUN WELSH SECTION D GELDING
Romeo is a stunning 9 year old pony with his golden dappled coat, white blaze and black mane and tail. He has striking presence and good looks. He is also a sweet natured pony. He was the most cautious about flying and travelling here but with reassurance from our flying groom Niki Erdmann he took it all in his stride. A UK stable mate of Boris since 7 years he also has prolific competition record in native classes and underwent dressage training with an Irish International Grand Prix Rider. He is a calm and careful jumper who has competed up to 90cm in the UK.

CRUMPWELL BORIS 148CM BAY WELSH SECTION D SCHOOLMASTER
Boris is certainly the biggest but not the tallest of our new stock – he has tremendous presence and character which has helped him to win an enviable tally of championships in native breed classes both on the flat and over jumps in the UK. He is now 11 years old and works to Elementary level dressage and jumps up to 1 metre show jumping. With his flowing paces and supple rideability, he is a super easy horse to ride on the bridle and develop your sitting trot.

CLOONEEN CAOLMHIN 148CM BLACK CONNEMARA GELDING
We can’t pronounce his name so in honour of his Irish heritage and colourings his stable name is Guinness! He is a super handsome chap, with great conformation and happy character. He has completed all three phases at affiliated British Eventing at 90cm posting dressage scores of 68%. He is schooled to Novice dressage, has three expressive paces and is very easy to ride on the bridle.

DESTINATION 150CM BAY POLO GELDING
Retired from his polo days where he played with Matt and Julie Harris for the past few seasons. Desty has settled into his new Riding School job with admirable calmness and willingness – already a firm favourite with our riders he can look after beginners as well as lunge and teach novice riders the beginnings of their jumping careers. We are so grateful to have him on our team now!
THE POLO LOFT
BY ZACK’S TACK
THE GLEN HAVEN PARK SUNSHINE TOUR
A WEEKEND OF SUNSHINE, SHOW JUMPING AND SINGAPORE SLINGS!

TEXT BY: Fiona Hammond   PHOTOS BY: Nicola Hammond

After the excitement of the National Show Jumping Championships in June, our family headed “Down Under” to help the Hamood family with their annual Glen Haven Park Sunshine Tour 2014. The best of the best, and many more from all over Australia, travelled many miles with their floats and horses to make Kilcoy, Queensland their home for four days.

This event started four years ago as a humble, two day show with two arenas. It has since exploded into a four-day show jumping spectacle, featuring three arenas, over 470 horses and 220 of Australia’s most talented riders. Riding “royalty” gracing this prestigious event included Olympic, World Championship, World Cup, Nations Cup and Grand Prix riders such as Vicki Roycroft, Clem Smith, Tim Armitrano, Robbert Moffat, Brook Dobbin, Tom McDermott, and mother-and-daughter team Paula and Olivia Hamood, who were also appointed to procure and train the 38 horses flown in for the Singapore Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

In addition to helping with the organisation and announcing for the show, we jumped on board as sponsors and created a new Grand Prix class called the “Singapore Sling”, to add an international flair to the event. As well as organising the set-up of over 40 retail stands in the Trade Village, my husband Peter was given the very important task of mixing up countless litres of Singapore Slings for the VIP tent, which claimed several victims, including the local Chief of Police!

The show jumping itself was quite spectacular, with riders battling it out over David Sheppard’s brilliant courses in the Pryde’s EasiFeed Main Arena, to qualify for the Bronze, Silver & Gold Tour Finals. In the 1.45m/1.55m Singapore Sling Gold Tour Grand Prix, close to 40 riders pitted their skills against each other for 10 placings and $5,000 worth of prize money in a tough first round, and a thrilling final round! The eventual winner was Clem Smith and Kartoon de Breve, who finished both courses with superbly-ridden clear rounds, in the fastest time of 40.43 seconds. Second place went to Kristy Bruhn and Harbarty, and Paula Hamood and Airtime Z GHP finished third.

In addition to show jumping, the audience was treated to Liberty Horse and stunt rider displays by Heath Harris, one of the world’s elite Liberty Horse trainers. Heath’s 40 years’ experience in nearly all disciplines of the horse industry has created many equine stars, and he has trained horses for well-known Hollywood movies such as Racing Stripes, Phar Lap, The Black Stallion and The Legend of Zorro.

As the sun set on the final day of this wonderful event, and the last of the horse trucks set off on their journeys to the next show, we had a last Singapore Sling, before heading back to Singapore!
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