

Singapore Polo Club Quarterly Magazine #02/2015

Highlights

DIPLOMATS' CUP 2015

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

TRIBUTE TO MR LEE KUAN YEW

Plus

68<sup>TH</sup> AGM RESULTS











### MEMBER INFORMATION

COMMITTEE 2014/2015

President Rickard Hogberg

Vice President Satinder Garcha

Polo Captain Ali Namazie

Hon. Secretary Lawrence Khong

Hon. Treasurer Ali Reda

Committee Members Jonathan Gabler

Gerry Gan

Tan Hock

Diana The Hui Ling

#### MANAGEMENT

Rene Verhulst General Manager Acting Chief Riding Instructor Daniel Siranen Events & Banqueting Manager Marziya Begam Facilities & Grounds Manager Subrahmanyam Head, Finance Woo Lee Choo Head, Membership & Marketing Esther Ong Head, Stables Kate Murphy Human Resource Manager Alinna Li

Maintenance, Tender & Purchasing

Manager

Han Pek Hoe

Polo Administration Manager Sunny Oh

Special Assistant for Samantha Parkhurst

Equestrian Services

#### CONTACTS

General Enquiries
Committee
Polo
Riding
Events & Banqueting
Facilities & Grounds
Finance
Gaming
HR & Admin
Membership
Marketing
Sponsorship
Sports & Recreation
The Polo Loft

enquiry@singaporepoloclub.org
secretary@singaporepoloclub.org
polo@singaporepoloclub.org
riding@singaporepoloclub.org
eventsnbanquet@singaporepoloclub.org
facilities@singaporepoloclub.org
accounts@singaporepoloclub.org
gaming@singaporepoloclub.org
hradmin@singaporepoloclub.org
membership@singaporepoloclub.org
marketing@singaporepoloclub.org
sponsorship@singaporepoloclub.org
snr@singaporepoloclub.org
snr@singaporepoloclub.org
pololoft@zackstack.com
poloservice@polorestaurant.com.sg



#### CONTRIBUTORS

Ameerali R. Jumabhoy Kateryna Mikklesen Vanessa Chen

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY BY SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

Address: 80 Mount Pleasant Road

Singapore 298334 Tel: +65 6854 3999 Fax: +65 6256 6715

Website: www.singaporepoloclub.org Email: enquiry@singaporepoloclub.org Permit No.: MICA (P) 065/06/2014



#### CONNECT WITH US AT:

www.facebook.com/SingaporePoloClub http://instagram.com/singaporepoloclub https://twitter.com/singaporepolo

Food & Beverage

### OPERATING HOURS

### FRONT DESK

7.30am - 9.00pm (Sunday to Thursday) 7.30am - 10.00pm (Friday & Saturday)

### F&B OUTLETS

THE POLO BAR

8.00am - 11.00pm (Daily)

THE MOUNTBATTEN ROOM 8.00am - 10.30pm (Daily)

THE VERANDAH

8.00am - 10.30pm (Daily)

(Last food order at 10.30pm except for Poolside at 10.00pm)

#### **FACILITIES**

GAMING

10.00am - 1.00am

(Sunday - Thursday & Public Holiday)

10.00am - 2.30am

(Friday, Saturday & Public Holiday Eve)

GYM

7.00am - 9.00pm (Weekdays)

8.00am - 8.00pm (Weekends)

JACUZZI

7.00am - 9.00pm (Daily)

SAUNA

7.00am - 9.00pm (Daily)

SWIMMING POOL

7.00am - 9.00pm (Daily)

TOWEL COUNTER

7.00am - 9.00pm (Daily)

INTERNET ROOM

8.00am - 9.00pm (Daily)

SQUASH COURT

8.00am - 10.00pm (Daily)

TENNIS COURTS

8.00am - 10.00pm (Daily)

THE POLO LOFT

11.00am – 6.00pm (Tuesday to Sunday) (Closed on Monday & Public Holiday)

LUSH SPA

10.00am - 9.00pm (Daily)

### CONTENTS

**07** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

08 UPCOMING EVENTS

**09** GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

11 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### POLO REVIEW

12 POLO – TRIPLE CROWN: DIPLOMATS' CUP 2015

#### RIDING REVIEW

14 RIDING SECTION HAPPENINGS

### **EVENTS REVIEW**

16 EVENTS PROMOTION - QUIZ NIGHT

16 EVENTS PROMOTION - SUMMER BAZAAR

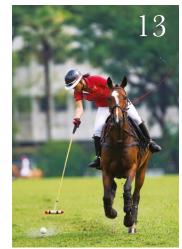
17 EVENTS REVIEW - CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

### **OTHERS**

19 TRIBUTE TO MR LEE KUAN YEW

**20** EVENTS GALLERY – TRIPLE CROWN DIPLOMATS CUP 2015









### **NEW MERIVA CROSSOVER 1.4A TURBO**

- Comprehensive ergonomic concept
- Ultra-flexible FlexSpace rear seating concept includes lounge seating configuration
- Higher seating position for driver and front passenger with optional ergonomic seats
- FlexDoor door system with rear-hinged rear doors and 84-degree opening angle
- FlexRail center console with improved functionality

Fuel Consumption: 7.2 l/100km (combined) | CO<sub>2</sub> Emission: 169 g/km



Wir leben Autos.







### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Members

would like to express condolences, on behalf of The Singapore Polo Club, on the passing of our iconic leader and the Founding Father of the Nation, Mr Lee Kuan Yew. Mr Lee served his country with deep commitment and worked hard for the well-being of the people of Singapore. An unique leader and an outstanding statesman, Mr Lee was ahead of his times in a rapidly globalizing world. His visionary approach on local and foreign policy stands as a model for strengthening global relations.

The people of Singapore and the world have lost a wise and intelligent leader.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Lee's family and friends. We wish them strength during this sad period.

On Club matters, I would like to thank you all for the confidence you have put in myself and the new Committee to manage the Club for the 2015/2016 term.

The Committee's plan for this term is to complete the NEP, improve the F&B offering with the Club's social site and strengthen enjoyment of polo and riding, whilst streamlining management and Standard Operating Procedures.

I would also like to thank the outgoing team that, I know, worked hard throughout the year to improve the Club for our members.

The Polo season has begun, and our first club tournament took place over 21 and 22 February. In line with our goal of raising the profile of our monthly tournaments, the Triple Crown: Diplomats' Cup was sponsored, with Royal Salute and Stella Artois as supporting sponsors. A very full season has been planned for 2015 and I ask the new Polo Captain to make this yet another banner year for Singapore polo.

Our new F&B operator, the IndoChine Group, has settled in well. We can expect long-term improvements, and in the meantime, an additional temporary menu has been introduced to tickle your taste-buds.

The Easter Festival was a successful happening in late March and members can expect to see more events and activities, such as regular Quiz Nights and the Summer Bazaar coming in April and June respectively. During the second quarter, the Club will also be hosting the National Dressage Championships from 24-26 April and the National Jumping Championships in May; we wish success in advance to both the Riding Section and competing riders.

With members' approval at the AGM to convert the staff apartments to Members' Club Rooms, the new Committee and General Manager will take on this project as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all members who attended the AGM of the Club. It is important that you make your views and voices heard.

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

Best regards, Rickard Hogberg

President

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### APRIL - JUNE 2015

DON'T MISS
THE EXCITING
LINE-UP OF
EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES
FROM APRIL TO
JUNE!





Polo - Club Tournament

Polo - International ProAm 2015



Riding - National Dressage Championships



Quiz Night



Polo - Novice Tournament & Club Tournament



Riding - National Jumping Championships



Polo - TATA Communications Singapore Polo Open 2015



Polo - Corporate League & Club Tournament



Summer Bazaar



Riding - SPC Show



Polo - Corporate League & Club Tournament

<sup>\*</sup>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

ix months have flown by and despite a very busy working schedule, I still managed to try out some of our Polo ponies, only to find out that it's very different from regular horse riding! I won't be competing in any Chukka's in a hurry and I am back in the 'Cage' for now!

The Triple Crown Diplomat's Cup 2015, with around 18 Ambassadors and High Commissioners in attendance, proved to be a glamorous and high profile affair with some exciting and excellent Polo matches.

The 'Glitz and Ritz' will resume with the 4th Singapore Open from 19–24 May.

Triple Crown - International Pro/Am

14-19 April

Novice Tournament & Club Tournament

2-3 May

Triple Crown - TATA Communications Singapore Polo Open

3-8 June

Corporate League

6-7 June (till 19 July)

Our Riding fraternity will continue to stage more events with regular monthly shows of Dressage and exciting Show Jumping on the following dates:

National Dressage Championships

24-26 April

National Jumping Championships

8-10 May

SPC Show

23-24 May

SPC Show

13-14 June

We received many compliments for our new F&B operator, the Indo Chine Group about better service and additional choice of menu. The current small, additional menu is temporary and they are working on a full new menu. There will be some new features on the social calendar soon such as Sunday Brunches, Oyster & Wine evenings, Salsa Nights and lots more..!!

#### **SOUTH EAST ASIAN GAMES 2015**

The Singapore Polo Club will work closely together with the EFS and NEC to fully support the upcoming SEA Games that will be held in Singapore from June 5 –16. We will be accommodating a number of visiting horses as from 27th of May for the games that will be mainly stabled at the NEP. There will be some temporary horse movements during that period and we beg for your understanding and support. We apologize for any inconvenience

For the safety, protection and welfare of all horses at the Club, you will be seeing some new signage going up soon at the different entrances to our stables in order to restrict the access to our stables.

Again a strong reminder to all parents with small kids to keep an eye on them while at the Club. There have been ongoing complaints from Polo players and riders, about kids running around unattended near the Polo field and track. This can be very dangerous for both the riders as well as the kids.

With the completion of upgrading the Mountbatten Room, Chukka Bar area and Polo Gallery, members can book these venues are to host seminars, conferences and private parties for up to 100 people.

For more information and bookings, please contact Marziya Begam, our Events & Banquet Manager at +65 6854 3978 or marziyabegam@singaporepoloclub.org for further assistance.

If you have not received our weekly e-news or your contact details have changed but want to stay informed of all the latest events and promotions, then please forward your name and current email address to: membership@singaporepoloclub.org

I look forward to meeting you at the Club.

Rene Verhulst

General Manager



# Memorable

### EVENTS & MEETINGS

CORPORATE EVENTS

SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDDINGS

The history of Singapore Polo Club dates back to the colonial times and it is no doubt the old rustic charm will fill you with its rich British Heritage and Luxury. Set in lush, open tropical grounds at Mount Pleasant Road, Singapore Polo Club offers you the tranquility and a refreshing option from the usual cityscape.

### COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM





The Committee Meeting Room is a boardroom.

### SEATING CAPACITY

BOARD ROOM 10 - 15 U - SHAPE -THEATRE -CLUSTER WITH ROUND TABLES OF 10 -

### THE POLO GALLERY





The Polo Gallery is a Seminar Room equiped with projector and sound system.

### SEATING CAPACITY

BOARD ROOM 20 U - SHAPE 18 THEATRE 48 CLUSTER WITH ROUND TABLES OF 10 3

### THE MOUNTBATTEN ROOM





The Mountbatten Room is a Wine Lounge that is part of the Polo Restaurant and Bar.

### SEATING CAPACITY

U - SHAPE
THEATRE
CLUSTER WITH ROUND TABLES OF 10
COCKTAIL SET UP
20
5
5

### THE CHUKKA BAR TERRACE





The Chukka Bar Terrace is an extension of the Chukka Bar to the Chukka Board by the field side of the Polo ground.

64

80

### SEATING CAPACITY

CLUSTERS WITH SQUARE TABLES OF 8 CLUSTER WITH ROUND TABLES OF 10 COCKTAIL SET UP

For more information and enquiries, please email: eventsnbanquet@singaporepoloclub.org

# **68<sup>TH</sup> Annual General Meeting**24 March











The Club's 68th Annual General was held on Tuesday, 24 March 2015. Election and Resolutions' results are as follows:

### Committee 2015/2016

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

POLO CAPTAIN

HONORARY SECRETARY

HONORARY TREASURER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RICKARD HOGBERG

SATINDER GARCHA

ALI NAMAZIE

LAWRENCE KHONG

ALI REDA

JONATHAN GABLER

GERRY GAN

GERRY GAN TAN HOCK DIANA THE HUI LING

TRUSTEE GROUP 2015/ 2016 GRAHAM COX

IQBAL JUMABHOY BRIAN MILLER WEE TIONG HAN CHARTER POLO PLAYING MEMBER ALI REDA

**RESOLUTION 3:** 

IMPUTE RENTAL OF STABLES
AND GROSS REVENUE FROM
MEMBERSHIP SALES

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 4:** 

CONVERTING OF EXISTING STAFF APARTMENTS TO MEMBERS' CLUB ROOMS **CARRIED** 



# **DIPLOMATS' CUP 2015,**FIRST EVENT IN TRIPLE CROWN SERIES

he Diplomats' Cup was played for the third time since its inauguration in 2013

As the first major tournament of the season, it is a grand way to open the competition for the Singapore Triple Crown Series.

The Triple Crown 2015 consists of three tournaments, with one team having to win all three in order to become the holder of the Singapore Triple Crown title. As if that were not hard enough, doing so is further complicated by the three tournaments being played at different handicap levels, meaning each team needs to be different for each tournament

The Diplomats' Cup this year was being played at 2-4 goal handicap level, the same as 2014, to make it easier for more members to participate.

A total of five teams entered the

Diplomats' Cup 2015. With some teams sharing positions, a total of 24 players took part, with over 100 horses being active in the event.

The members of the Singapore Polo Club formed their own teams. In keeping with the spirit of the Diplomats' Cup, the teams represented the various regions of the world - Africa, Asia, Europe, America and Oceania.

On Sunday 8 March, the diplomatic corps came out in full force, with 20 ambassadors and consuls in attendance to watch some exciting polo, as well as do some informal networking in a relaxed environment lubricated with the support of a whisky tasting by Royal Salute and a free-flowing Stella Artois bar.

The much-awaited final between Team Asia (Headhunters & Elevation) and Team Africa (First Aurora) did not disappoint. Both teams prepared for this event well in advance as they carefully selected their team members.

From the first whistle, both teams played hard and roused the crowd with fast runs and big hits towards goal. Sattar Khan played a great game for Team Asia on this familiar field, and Satinder Garcha and Sattar Khan connected well, which made life for Team Africa particularly tough. Despite bad weather, that didn't dampen the spirit of polo.

The prize-giving ceremony was supported by regular diplomatic guests the ambassadors of Sweden, Portugal and Brazil. Sattar Khan took home the award for Most Valuable Player and Satinder Garcha as owner of Ichita for Best Playing Pony. Finally, Team Asia (Headhunters & Elevation) stepped forward to accept their trophy to tumultuous applause as winners of the Diplomats' Cup 2015.























### RIDING SECTION

### HAPPENINGS



The Club welcomed Judy Doyle as our NEP Supervisor in February. She comes from a background of thoroughbred racing and polo, and will be responsible for the daily horse management of both NEP Polo and NEP Riding Section livery yards, reporting to Kate Murphy.

Judy also has experience as a shipping agent for stallions and high-goal teams, and in farm management. She has worked for Boca Polo Club in Florida as Stable Manager and in Hospitality.

**ACS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL** is the first school to collaborate with the Riding Section to provide stable management and riding lessons to their students as part of their school curriculum activity.

Eight students are participating in a 10-lesson course which includes riding and stable management.

### SPC EQUESTRAVAGANZA SHOW,

JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

The first Show of the Year started with a bang! It was very successful and a BIG "THANK YOU" to all members and riders who participated or volunteered. The success of our shows relies on volunteers so please sign up and enjoy in the fun of upcoming show days.

Our thanks to Kateryna Mikkelsen for her photo contributions (on this page). An avid photographer, you can catch Kateryna 'clicking' away - when she is not competina!







### EQUAL (EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING) PROGRAMME

In February, the Singapore Polo Club partnered with the Equal (Equine Assisted Learning) program run by the Equestrian Federation of Singapore (EFS). EQUAL, started in 2011, helps children from the At-Risk and Special Needs profile develop life skills through attitudinal and behavioural change by using interaction with horses. EQUAL Senior Director Sandy Webster who is certified as a master instructor at PATH International, works with 200 students from SPECTRA in areas of riding, horsemanship and horse play. Through this partnership the Club supports Equal with horses for horsemanship and horseplay, and the use of our facilities outside of the Club's normal riding hours. More information about the Equal program visit http://www.equal.org.sg/

### THE PERFECT WORKOUT

# **FUN**

NO MUSCLE ACHES

# PUNCHY

NO SWEAT

# CELLULITE KILLER

NO INJURIES

Need any other reasons to try Aqua Spin?

Call us today for a trial @ 96989202 www.aquaspin.sg



# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB QUIZINGLIT ON: FRIDAY, 24 APRIL MOUNTBATTEN ROOM

### Free to Enter!

Show up with your team of 4-6 players

And walk away with attractive prizes!



FOR REGISTRATION AND/OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,



### Children's Easter Party,

28 March

















he 2015 Children's Easter Party was held on 28 March, with over 50 enthusiastic children It was a funfilled afternoon as the children played with their parents and friends.

It kicked off with events at Games Stations such as Arts & Crafts, making Easter Bunny bookmarks, Face-painting and Pin the Bunny's tail. Moving on, the emcee gathered them for the Easter Egg Hunt, and explained that prizes would be given out based on the size and quantities of the eggs they managed to find. Hearing this, the children scrambled to find bags to keep their eggs and some even engaged the help of their parents!

After the Hunt, it was the long-awaited 'Best Face Painting' competition where four children were chosen. Congratulations to the winners as they walk away with Easter chocolates!

The children continued to stay around the Games Stations like Face Painting, Candy Buffet and Craft-Making before the event ended at around 4.30pm. All children went home with a big smile and a goodie bag. Happy Easter Day to all!













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

January - March 2015

SURAJ KUMAR BATRA

RODERICK EDWIN DE SILVA CRUZ

MATTHEW HASTEDT DALLIMORE

FANG SHIQI

DAMIEN HENRI JEAN-MARIE

**GUESDON** 

TARIK HUSAIN

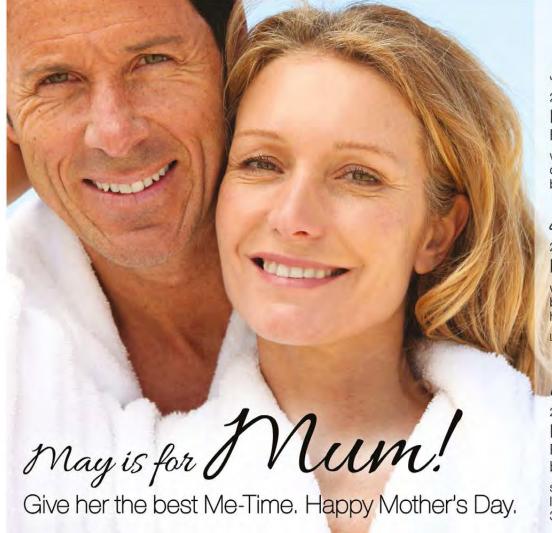
TANVEER AKHTAR KHASKHELI

LIM LOONG WAH

LOW-JAP JIN NA, SHARLENE

PHILLIP RAYMOND POLLOCK
THOMAS NELSON PAGE JR
DAMIEN PANG
BAYART SWOBODA
ISABELLE SUZANNE TODD
DIANA THE HUI LING
WANG SIZHAO
NAOKO HARADA WINTHER







April
2 hr | fr \$205 nett

**Detox Buster** 

Beat stress with detoxifying rests

warm grapefruit yogurt scrub & wrap + detoxifying steam + 70 min rosemary body massage & scalp massage

May 2 hr | fr \$198 nett

Mum's Me-Time

warm floral foot bath + 50 min lavender body massage + Decleor express hydrating facial + champagne

Limited sessions on 9 & 10 May '15. Book early!

June

2 hr | fr \$198 nett

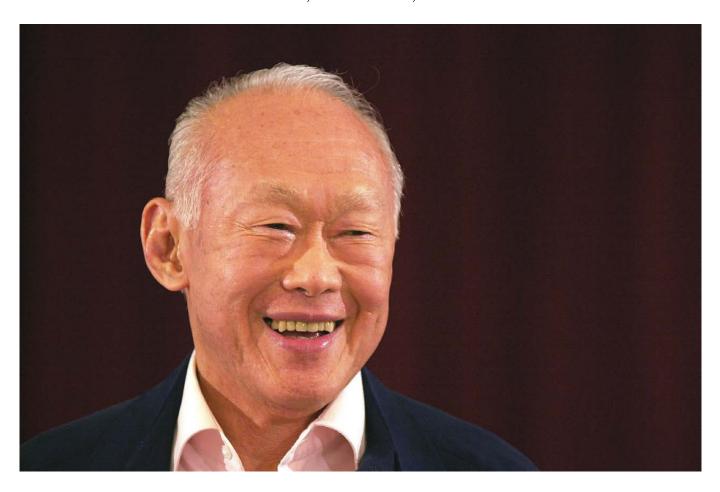
Dad's Muscle Relief
Recharge Dad with a good
backrub. Happy Father's Day!

sea salt foot bath + 80 min warm stone lemongrass body & scalp massage + 30 min relaxing foot + champagne

lush @ singapore polo club, 2nd level (next to the gym). contact us at 6254 9091 or email enquiries@lushspa.com.sg for appointments & enquiries.

### TRIBUTE TO MR LEE KUAN YEW

### BY AMEERALI JUMABHOY, PATRON, SINGAPORE POLO CLUB



Dear Members,

Today as Singapore, other countries and their leaders pay tribute to our founding prime minister Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, it is befitting that we as a club pay our respects before we proceed with our 68th Annual General Meeting.

As a patron of the club, I offer our club's deepest sympathies and condolences to mark the passing of a great man.

Mr Lee Kuan Yew's accomplishments and indefatigable belief, strength and a "can and must do" spirit galvanized singaporeans, transforming what was an island with no future, into the sparkling metropolis singapore is today.

His unyielding belief in a multiracial, multicultural society made us a nation. His

integrity created a value system that has made singapore unique. His building of a professional civil service has ensured people and institutions that will survive him. He made us a proud nation, punching well above our weight.

We celebrate his achievements and at the same time offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family.

We as a club have much cause to be grateful to mr lee and his colleague and my friend, the late minister ew barker, for their help in saving this club and its premises.

Thank you mr Lee Kuan Yew. Your name and services will live on forever as we honour you today.

24 March 2015

























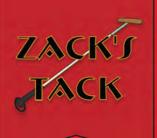
# It's not a glass. It's a Chalice. (Made of glass).



Imported & Distributed By: Pacific Beverages Pte Ltd 9 Fourth Lok Yang Road, Singapore 629706

> Tel: +65 6858 2338 Fax: +65 6858 2339 Web: www.pacbev.net





# THE POLO LOFT BY ZACK'S TACK

Botanica succeeds where all others have failed, used by top trainers, studs and riders around the world.

# A natural product that works...



Unique blend of natural ingredients that promote effective and complete healing - Naturally!





LCH Laboratory Paris tested. Can be used before, during and after competition.

## F&B PROMOTIONS

APRIL TO JUNE 2015



### **EASTER APRIL 2015**



\* SPRING LAMB \$25 with Cranberry Tomato Salsa & Thyme Crust served with Mashed Potato & Mesclun Salad

- \* SPRING VEGETABLE SOUP \$16 WITH BASIL PESTO
- \* ROASTED SPRING VEGETABLES
  WITH ARGULA PESTO





### **ASPARAGUS MAY 2015**



\* Asparagus wrapped in Proscuitto \$16

- \* CHICKEN & ASPARAGUS PENNE \$14
- \* Creamy Asparagus Soup \$9



### **BALINESE JUNE 2015**

- \* AYAM PANGGANG SERVED WITH STEAMED RICE \$15
- \* DORY FISH WITH LONG BEAN SALAD \$12
- \*Lontong Sayur \$11

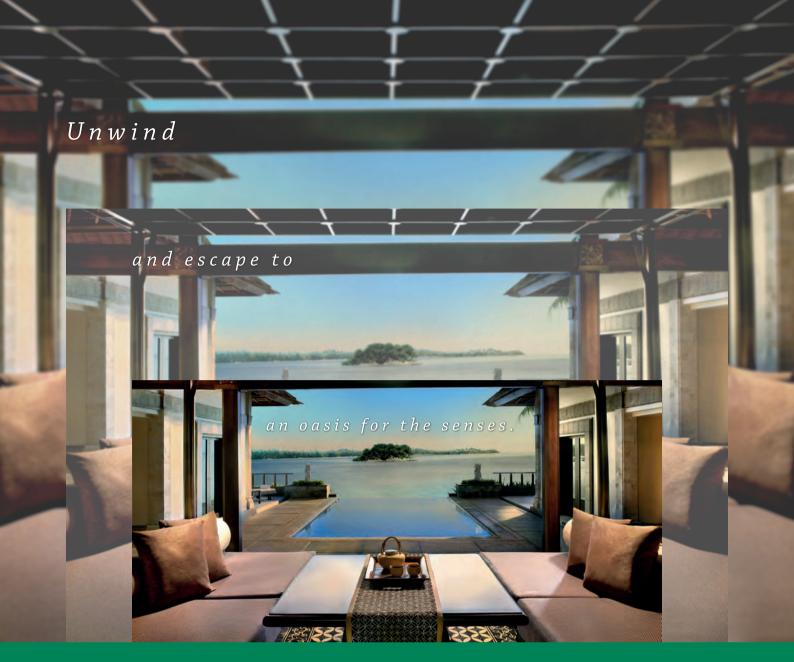






For more information or reservation, please contact 6854 3985 or email poloservice@polorestaurant.com.sg

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



### EXPERIENCE BANYAN TREE BINTAN

Rustic villas. Tropical forest. Stunning ocean views. Rejuvenating massages. Let your sojourn to Banyan Tree Bintan begin as SG50 Celebrates.



Sanctuary for the Senses



RESERVATIONS: 1800 232 5599 • BANYANTREE.COM