



## ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The Shanghai Tang Women's International Polo tournament will be held from 2 to 6 September and will once again feature top female polo professionals from England, New Zealand and Zimbabwe, as well as top local players from the Singapore Polo Club. This prestigious tournament will consist of a Silver League and a Gold Cup match. The Silver League will be contested by lower goal players (handicap -2 and above), with preliminary rounds played on 2 and 3 September. The Final of the Silver League will be played on Saturday 5 September. The Gold Cup match will be played on Sunday 6 September from 4pm onwards and will feature Team HPC England\* versus Team Singapore\*, with higher goal amateurs and international professionals (handicap 0 to 2 goal) playing for the coveted title. The Singapore Polo Club is honoured to have Mr. S Iswaran, Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and Education to be the Guest-of-Honour for the Gold Cup match.

All matches will be played under the Hurlingham Polo Association Rules & Regulations 2009.

*\*Please note that the participating teams are not officially sanctioned national teams, but simply reflect the origin of the participating polo professionals.*

## UMPIRE

### **Tony Keyte**



As a former international player and a current professional umpire from New Zealand, Tony Keyte has travelled around the world with the sport of polo. Now based in the United Kingdom, he is a Senior Umpire with the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA). Keyte has been the Head Umpire for the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club, where he umpired the outdoor summer season and winter arena season, in addition to conducting clinics for aspiring umpires. He has also umpired the final of the Gold Cup, Queens Cup, Warwickshire Cup, Prince of Wales Trophy, Indian Empire Shield and the Cartier International.

## COMMENTATOR

**Nicholas Hadow**



Nicholas Hadow has resided in Singapore for 26 years and works for Aberdeen Asset Management. He learned to play polo at the Singapore Polo Club in the late 1980s and played for a number of years, occasionally representing Singapore in international competitions. Hadow is most proud of winning the Club Tent-Pegging Trophy twice in the 1990s. He has commentated regularly for the club over the years and is currently a member of Cowdray Park Polo Club (U.K.).

## ABOUT THE POLO PROFESSIONALS

**Sherri-lyn Hensman (2)**



Sherri-Lyn claims that her polo career was decided for her as she hails from a family of polo players. Most of her relatives, including her grandparents, all played polo. Sherri-Lyn had traveled to various parts of the world to play women's events, including Argentina, USA, England, Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Zambia and Singapore. She has represented her country at all levels school level and is currently a 2-goal handicap. Sherri-Lyn is very involved in the day-to-day management of the family farm and a small saddlery business. The highlights of this season include invitations to play in Jamaica, England, the USA and Singapore

**Emma Calder (1)**



Emma has ridden horses for most of her life and plays polo each winter in South Africa. She has also played at events in Hawaii, Australia and the USA. Emma lives on the family farm near Culverden, South Island, New Zealand. She schools her own ponies and her mare, Crystal, was voted Champion Pony at the NZ Women's Open Polo Challenge in 2006. She captained the New Zealand Women's Team to a hard fought draw in the Test Match against a very strong USA / English team in the 2005 / 2006 season and was also Captain of the New Zealand team that traveled to Australia for a Test Match in November 2006.

## **TEAM HPC ENGLAND**

### **Kirsty Readhead (1)**



Kirsty is a native of Perth, Western Australia and was given her first pony at the age of two. She hails from a polo family; with her grandmother being the first female player in Western Australia. Her father is also a former professional who now trains polo ponies. She began playing polo at the age of 14 and the sport has proven to be her true passion as evidenced by her travel to the U.K. for polo and the training of horses each year. She works with her fiancé, also a professional polo player, and together they manage a small livery service. Outside of polo, Kirsty likes to socialise with friends and dance.

### **Caroline Wright (-1)**



Caroline is originally from Scotland and was raised in a family dedicated to horses. Having been involved from an early age in Jumping and Eventing, Caroline began playing polo just three years ago while living and working in London. She currently spends her time between working for an investment company and playing polo across the south of England. Last year, she competed in the UK Ladies Nationals and has also played in Spain and Argentina. For Caroline, polo offers a whole new world of friends and opportunities, but most of all it is the horses that make the game!

### **Rebecca Finn (-1)**



Rebecca was raised in North Yorkshire, UK and has been riding since the age of four. Her first experience with polo was at Phoenix Park in Dublin, Ireland and she has been completely fascinated by the sport ever since! However, it was not until three years ago on a holiday in Argentina that she first began playing polo with a swing and a miss! Three years and three polo ponies later, she is based in London where her day job is as a finance lawyer. She plays polo at the Ham Polo Club in Richmond, London, UK. Rebecca has played in Argentina, Singapore, Spain, Thailand and the UK, although feels incredibly privileged to be participating in the Shanghai Tang Ladies International Tournament at the Singapore Polo Club rather than watching given that she spent a great deal of her school holidays during her teenage years in and around Singapore and South East Asia; visiting the Singapore Polo Club whenever possible!

### **ABOUT THE LOCAL POLO PLAYERS**

#### **Lynly Fong (0)**



Lynly Fong started riding when she was just seven years old, but only started playing polo at the age of 20. She has been playing polo now for approximately seven years after a 10 year hiatus due to a move to Hong Kong to establish a retail business and start a family. Lynly currently holds a 0-goal handicap and has played polo in Argentina, Australia, Jamaica, Pakistan and Malaysia. Her favourite pony is Pollilla, as it is considered a part of her family and loves her children dearly, but she prefers ponies like Rusita and Juana for polo. Lynly is married (husband – Jonathan) with 2 kids, Tia (age 5) and Jed (age 2). Aside from polo, Lynly manages three retail stores in Hong Kong that sell swimwear and sportswear, and also distributes a product called FitFlops, currently one of the fastest growing footwear products on the market.

#### **Charlotte Marson (-1)**



Charlotte Marson, a UK native, started playing polo in 2003 at the Singapore Polo Club. To date, she has played in polo tournaments in Argentina, Australia, Thailand, Dubai and Brunei. Charlotte is a co-founder and director of the Temple Garden Foundation, a UK charity involved in rural community development, primarily in Cambodia. She is married (husband – Allan) and has a son, Harry (age 4).

### **Justine Tan (-1)**



Justine Tan learned to ride in Indonesia and has done so for more than 15 years, although she only started playing polo approximately 10 years ago. She was actively involved in dressage and show-jumping and thought that she would learn another equestrian activity. Her favourite player is Bautista Heguy because of his graceful style. Although she likes most of the horses that she rides, she has an affinity for horses that are a bit “frisky” in nature as there is an unpredictable element to them that she finds quite challenging! She notes that her current pony, Che Lara, is such a horse.

Justine is married with two children (6-year old boy and 3-year old girl). She does not believe that her children should follow her interest in equestrian sports, but she does believe in exposing them to a variety of sports activities.

### **Anna Lowndes (-1)**



Anna has been riding since childhood, but only started playing polo in 2004. Since then, she has played in the UK, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia and currently has two ponies at the Singapore Polo Club: Pastora and Jaime. Anna’s husband, Graham also plays here in Singapore and they have 2 children, Thomas (aged 2) and Scarlett (aged 6 months).