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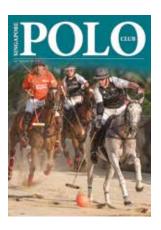
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#### Dear Members,

How time flies – suddenly we are into the second half of 2016!

With the recent success of the major tournaments, Tata Communications Singapore Polo Open, the Inaugural BMW Singapore Beach Polo Championship and the National Dressage Championships, this marks the beginning of a much-anticipated season to spur us on for the rest of the year. This quarter is set to be very promising with the upcoming Gold Cup and many Club tournaments. We have just finished a 3-Day Summer Camp for our young ones with activities that got them enriched, engaged, and exploring at the Club!

Please mark 3<sup>rd</sup> September on your calendars, as that is our Open House to celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be an afternoon of fun to spend with your family and friends. There is also the annual Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival on 24 September, where our young ones always enjoy lighting up the field with their colourful and beautiful lanterns.

I would like to take this opportunity to remember the late Paul Murphy, a great man with a big heart – his presence will be missed. I was very heartened to know that Polo Captain had organized a memorial match in honour of Murf, as we've called him affectionately. A big 'Thank You' to the two teams who celebrated the life of Paul in a friendly match of the

game he loved, at the Club he gave his utmost support to.

Our first eight-week Outreach Program with First Toa Payoh Primary School, led by member Valerie Boffy, Lead Instructor Daniel Sitranen and Instructors Melanie Triganne and Krystal Wang, ended on 19<sup>th</sup> May. The program has left the children with a lasting impression of horses and all things equine, and the team is now looking to extend this program to other neighbourhood school children.

Our new General Manager, Sylvan Braberry, has settled into his role well and I am pleased with the improvements and efforts he has made surrounding issues of running the Club. I am certain that with his leadership, the Club is in good hands

As we join efforts to improve the Club, I seek your support and feedback. Please feel free to approach the General Manager or me and we can chat over coffee as to how we can make the Club a better place. We celebrate our 130th anniversary this year so let's do our part to maintain the strength, energy and camaraderie of the Club for another 130 years!

Hari Raya is around the corner and on behalf of the Committee and Management, may I send my festive greetings to all our Muslim members, staff and colleagues.





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joined the Singapore Polo Club on 1 April 2016, and in the words of some of my Committee members, it was truly 'a baptism of fire' as I took on the responsibility of being in charge of the Beach Polo 2016 Event. With everyone's assistance and guidance, the inaugural event was a success and while it was indeed a trial by fire, there was much that my management team and I learnt to make it an even greater success all round.

Coming from a social and golf club background, it was an exciting change for me having to manage a club rich in polo tradition, membership diversity, achievements in polo & equestrian – and celebrating its 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

Despite being in the thick of Beach Polo action and other priorities, I managed to take some time to walk the grounds and got a chance to meet many members and guests here. From such encounters, I got to learn more about what was expected of the Club and what were the concerns of members. I also got to make many new friends during such rounds.

One of my team's priorities is to improve on the Riding and Stables section. Working with the various Sub-committees, we have come up with a plan to improve on our overall performance. We are reviewing our scheduling system to make it more efficient and to reduce scheduling errors, which were high when I first came on board.

Workplace, safety and health are mandatory and I am pleased to announce that Club is on its way to achieving the BizSafe Level 2 Certification. We are targeting BizSafe Level 3 now, which requires a work place safety audit by an external consultant to achieve such certification.

There is much work for my team and me here, and we aim to make every visit to the Club a pleasure for our Members and their guests. To measure how satisfied our Members currently are with the Club, its quality of facilities and services, a Member Survey Form is attached in this issue of the quarterly magazine. Please do take some time to participate in this survey as it will give us an idea of where we are and how we can improve to make the Club a place you want to be in.

I would like to thank the Committee, Sub-committees and Members for your support and understanding while my team continues to work to create a positive work environment and improve on the overall efficiency and quality of service to our Members.

We look forward to seeing you more often in the Club. Have a wonderful year ahead!

**Sylvan Braberry** on board. General Manager SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

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# **NEW MEMBERS**

April – June 2016

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!

#### REGULAR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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# Bhoy What An Achievement!

Ameerali Jumabhoy's determination and perseverance helped save polo in Singapore and shaped the Singapore Polo Club into what it is today.

he decision to take up Polo not only paved a new familial bond for generations after generations of his family but it was one which had a positive and huge impact on the Singapore Polo Club, allowing it to keep its current grounds and ensuring a foundation, such that it is still growing in strength even after 130 years!

Born on 28 December 1925, Mr Ameerali R. Jumabhoy, a present Patron at the Singapore Polo Club was first drawn to horses when he frequently followed his father to watch the latter's horses' race at the then track in Farrer Park. For

every race his father's horses won, young Ameerali would be rewarded with a balloon!

The push to embrace polo happened after an inspiring speech by Mr R G Bennett, then club President at the Rotary Club, when 35 year old Ameerali realized Polo was his calling and he signed up for it, much to the surprise of his father who thought he was too old for the sport. However that did not deter him even though it meant learning how to ride a horse in the wee hours of the morning under the strict tutelage of Colonel Binks Firbank and Colonel Brian Taylor.

Mr Jumabhoy, 90 and still as passionate as before about Polo

"Every day at 6.30am, I would have to be at the Club punctually for my lesson. Any tardiness meant a punishment of riding for an extended period without stirrups. So I would have to grip the saddle with my knees and endure this for the full hour, and that's how I learnt to ride, and to be on time!" recounts Ameerali, one of the first local polo players in Singapore, with a chuckle.

Together with the late Mr Chua Wan Him, another local player whom he convinced to pick up the sport, Ameerali received great support from members of the British Armed Forces in Singapore to take the Sport of Kings to great heights in Singapore, and also to convince other local players to join. He recalls others such as Wong Thin Choy, SM Toh, SP Toh, Tony Low and Edward Wu, amongst others.

At the time, there were about 20 players, who would sometimes be able to bring horses from Australia but would otherwise share retired racing horses, courtesy of a subsidy from the Singapore Turf Club. Ameerali and the other players

would take advantage of the Turf Club's race meetings which moved between Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang to hold polo tournaments, saving transport costs as the Turf Club would transport their horses around Malaysia. At the same time, the Turf Club provided a subsidy to the Singapore Polo Club in return for the Club's players and horses participating in amateur race meetings, which meant reduced livery costs.

With six polo tournaments in the year and other Cup tournaments including the Jumabhoy Cup donated by

Ameerali's father, polo back in those days was much simpler. However, polo was competitive and even had a 10 goal player, Bob Skene, who spent some time in Singapore.

Having served as the longest President of the Singapore Polo Club for 10 years from 1969 to 1978, one of Ameerali's achievements included building the first covered riding school arena with subsidies he and other members received when they won amateur racings, which allowed

riders to train better and an opportunity to keep horses fit during extended periods of wet weather. Another major achievement included convincing the government then to allow the Singapore Polo Club to keep its current grounds.

Realizing that there was a misconception that Polo was deemed as a sport played only by expatriates, and hence the fear of the grounds of the Singapore Polo Club being taken away, Ameerali worked hard to increase the number of Singaporeans involved in polo and equestrian activities. He helped to create the Singapore Armed Forces Saddle Club which was strongly supported by SPC who sent instructors to teach SAF members to ride. He also, together with his friend, Tan Choo Keng, founded the Equestrian Federation of Singapore and integrated polo and riding with local and international organisations, including the SNOC, FEI and the Singapore Sports Council. The Singapore Polo Club participated in Pesta Sukan and Chingay.

In addition to that, Ameerali also arranged for plenty of outreach programme with the pony section (now called



the Riding Section) as he felt equestrian was the best way to engage Singaporeans. All these efforts proved fruitful when the Club was able to keep its grounds.

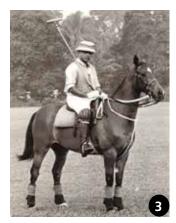
In a time when there were so many challenges from the lack of funds and support to build the Club, what kept Ameerali going?

With a smile on his face, Ameerali shared, "The love for horses, the game and to know that my passion for riding is passed down to not only many generations of my family, apart from my 3 sons Rafiq, Iqbal and Asad, together with my grandsons Ameer, Imran and Ali, others like Ali Namazie, Yeo Kuo Lee (and his sons), Peter Abisheganadan and Dato Mohd Moiz (President of the Royal Selangor Polo Club) never fails to keep me going."

Having taken part in countless of tournaments, one of his most memorable competition was when he played together with his three sons Asad, Iqbal and Rafiq as a family against Pahang, it was the first time two generations played together and it was also the first game that was played at the current site of the Royal Selangor Polo Club.









- 1. Mr Jumabhoy receiving the Hall of Fame award for his contributions to Polo
- 2. From Left, HRH Tengku Puan Pahang, Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy, his daughter Mimi and the late HM Sultan Mahmood Iskandar
- 3. Mr Jumabhoy, playing Polo in his younger days. Looking sharp on "Blue Jeans"!
- 4. The Queen's reply to Mr Jumabhoy 's Letter congratulating her for her Diamond Jubilee
- 5. The Jumabhoys playing together as a team for the first time in 1973 in Kuala Lumpur at the Malaysian Polo Association tournament. From Left: Iqbal, Asad, Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy and Rafiq
- 6. Prince Philip presenting Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy with an award for his achievements and contributions to equestrian sports,

Ameerali also shared a piece of history which belongs uniquely to the Singapore Polo Club. Members of the Royal Artillery regiment, popularly known as the "gunners" invented a drink, now famous, at the Club, called the "Gunner"!

Even after all these years, Ameerali still remains upbeat at the thought of Polo, sharing his vast experience with joy. He cheekily admitted back in the olden days, one of his most iconic goal which was scored in one swing, half a field away was a fluke which amazed everyone. Having played a part in the strength of the Club today, Ameerali hopes the Club will be able to celebrate and enjoy another 130 years of Polo!

Thank you Mr Ameerali R. Jumabhoy for the years you've put into the Club!

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Singapore Polo Club 130th Anniversary Open House

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# Congratulations!

**Quarterly Staff Award**Congratulations to Nelson Thomas, a supervisor in the Main Stable section for being awarded the Quarterly Staff Award! Nelson is always punctual, helpful and he is also a team player. He is self-motivated and puts in extra effort to acquire new skills to improve himself in his job. Nelson's passion is very evident in his good attendance and performance.

Great job, Nelson!



TATA COMMUNICATIONS

# A Victorious Win for Hong Kong Polo Team at Tata Communications Singapore Polo Open 2016



From Left: Rahul Mathur of Tata Communications, Jonathan Gabler, Shane Boyd, Isabelle Larenaudie, Lynly Fong & son and Patrick Furlong (Team Captain)

ollowing weeks of intense battles at the grounds of the Singapore Polo Club amongst three teams, the Hong Kong Polo team edged out Garcha Hotels narrowly with a score of 9½ – 9 in the finals to emerge champions of Tata Communications Singapore Polo Open 2016!

In one of the most exhilarating matches played at the Club, at the finals on 15 May Garcha Hotels and the Hong Kong Polo team competed so fiercely that the winning goal came only in the last 30 seconds in the fifth and final chukka.

Before the much-anticipated event, more than 350 guests and spectators were treated to a lovely dressage performance from Katherine Desbaillets, who started competing at Grand Prix level when she was only 17, and has been competing around the region and in Europe since. It was followed by an auction of a Leica X Camera with a Leica X Handgrip, with proceeds going to the Singapore Polo Club's Outreach Programme.

As soon as the first chukka commenced, the teams found they were not only competing against each another but were also battling some heavy drizzle. The Hong Kong Polo team kicked off the action with an impressive goal in under a minute of the first chukka. They held on to this narrow lead right up till the last two minutes of the fifth chukka when Garcha Hotels took control with a penalty, leading the game 9 – 8½! With just 30 seconds left in the final moments of the game, Isabelle Larenaudie from the Hong Kong Polo team scored a surprise goal which clinched the title for her team with the final score of 9½ to 9.

Led by team captains Satinder
Garcha for Garcha Hotels and the Hong
Kong Polo team's Patrick Furlong, both
teams put up a strong fight, tackling
aggressively with an evident desire for
victory. With the Hong Kong Polo team
taking the main title, the First Runner-up
was awarded to Garcha Hotels, followed
by Royal Salute in third placing.

"It was a result of the great team effort. It's exhilarating winning in the last seconds of the match, it was a fantastic achievement for the team so it's really a wonderful feeling to win the Singapore Open for the first time at this level of play. The whole team is superexcited to receive this," said Patrick

Furlong, team captain of Hong Kong Polo team.

In addition to the win, the Hong Kong Polo team also celebrated team captain Patrick Furlong's Most Valuable Player award.

Sharing his joy, Patrick Furlong added "I'm honored to receive the award but I couldn't play without the support of all in the team to achieve this."

The Best Playing Pony went to Cosita, belonging to Tata Communications CEO's Vinod Kumar, and the Best Turnout Pony was awarded to the Singapore Polo Club's Kelindo.

Singapore Polo Club President Rickard Hogberg also took the opportunity to thank everyone for their wonderful support throughout the competition.

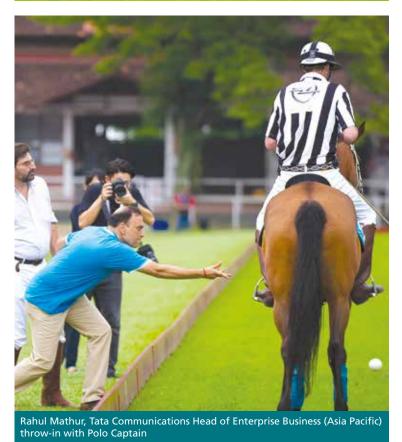
"After weeks of intense battles, we finally have a winner! Congratulations to the Hong Kong Polo team and the runner-ups! This tournament would not have been possible without our sponsors TATA Communications, La Martina, Leica, the teams and spectators. I look forward to the next Singapore Polo Open!", he said.

Article by SPC

























- 1. Melissa Ko is all smiles with the Best Playing Pony, Cosita
- 2. Patrick Furlong receiving his Most Valuable Player award from the Club's Patron, Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy
- 3. 1st Runner- up Team Garcha Hotels From Left: Satinder Garcha, Vinod Kumar, Rickard Hogberg, Sattar Khan, Kunal Narula and Will Vogel















- 1. Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy with his daughter in law and son, Iqbal Jumabhoy
- 2. Team from Leica Camera Asia Pacific



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# An Oceania Win At the First-Ever BMW Singapore Beach Polo Championship 2016

# Team Oceania takes home the winning title with a 3½ win!

pproximately 700 guests and spectators, including His Highness Tunku Idris Iskandar Ismail Abdul Rahman Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, The Temenggong of Johor and Ambassadors from the many Embassies in Singapore were present at the inaugural BMW Singapore Beach Polo Championship finals on 5 June 2016 to witness team Oceania clinching the coveted title in a heated battle against team Asia.

Winning 3½ to 1, team Oceania, led by Captain Ric McCarthy from Australia, who raced aggressively, scoring two goals in under a minute of the game in the first chukka, eventually took the title with an impressive goal by McCarthy in the last few minutes of the final chukka.

Representing the Singapore Polo Club, team Asia's Captain Satinder Garcha and his team put up a very strong and tough fight for Oceania with their strategic game of play. It was a match so intense the ball had to be replaced in the second chukka as it was out of shape. Under the blistering sun, spectators cheered as team Oceania defended mightily against a determined team Asia which tried to score multiple times, just ten meters away from the goal post. Despite the enthusiasm from the crowd, however, it was too late even for an equalizer.

Finally, Oceania was crowned the Champion, with Asia coming in as the first runner-up. Earlier in the day, team America and Europe battled one another for the third and fourth placing with America winning 4½ to 1 under team Captain Francisco Guinazu's leadership.

"I'd like to thank the Singapore Polo Club for the work they've done and for supplying their ponies to us. To be able to fly out from Australia and be out here on this pitch and have such a great time, it's amazing – and to win the tournament, it was special." said Ric McCarthy, Captain of Oceania.

The Best Playing Pony was awarded to Ashhab, which belongs to Ali Reda. It was a triple win for Ali Reda who also

won the Most Valuable Player.

Besides the Polo matches, guests also enjoyed music from Vetta Quartet, a Miss World Resort Wear fashion show and a Stick-and-Ball polo game to support the Singapore Polo Club's Outreach Programme which was set up to give back to underprivileged Singaporean children. The event, held over the two days of 4 and 5 June at Tanjong Beach, Sentosa, marked the first time polo was played on the beach in Singapore, and each day ended with an after-party in the evening.

Traditionally played on the lush green of a grassy field, beach polo took the game of polo to greater heights following the popularity of events in Dubai and Miami. The comparatively small pitch of 70m by 40m pitch marked out on sand makes it very challenging for the players.

Organized by the Singapore Polo Club together with title sponsor BMW Asia Group, supported by Singapore Tourism Board and other sponsors (Peroni as the Official Beer, 100Plus as the Official Drink, Leica as the Official Photography equipment, Ms World Singapore for the fashion show and Indochine providing the Food and Beverage), this exhilarating event was attended by well on 1,500 guests over the two days and it allowed the guests and public to understand and enjoy the Game of Kings while basking in the best of lifestyle and entertainment.

Rickard Hogberg, President of the Singapore Polo Club, shared that this was the first time the team organized an event out of the grounds of the Club, "For the first time, beach polo was played on the sands of Singapore and I hope this will be a memorable experience not just for our players but also our guests and the public. This is an event which took about 2 months of planning and execution, and this expeditious execution would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, partners, guests and staff."

Article by SPC



From Left: Michael Ma, Rickard Hogberg, Ric McCarthy (Team Captain), Sonja Piontek, Ali Reda, Lynly Fong & son and Axel Pannes, Managing Director of BMW Asia Group



"BMW has a long history with the sport of Polo and it was our pleasure to partner with the Singapore Polo Club to host the first-ever Singapore BMW Beach Polo Championship," said Axel Pannes, Managing Director, BMW Group Asia. "The two-day event drew a truly international crowd and provided them a unique opportunity to witness one of the oldest sports in action. We look forward to collaborating with the Singapore Polo Club on future activities."

















- Proud moment for Ali Reda as his horse Ashhab wins the Best Playing Pony
- 2. Torrey Dorsey, Stijn Welkers, Isabelle Larenaudie and Gerry Gan
- 3. Mrs Rickard Hogberg, Mrs Inger Wong, Renee Lim and Rickard Hogberg
- 4. Throw-in by Axel Pannes, Managing Director of BMW Group Asia and Rickard Hogberg















- 5. From Left: Kenneth Berger, Rathi Menon, James Kumar and Ines Ligron
- 6. Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy, His Highness Tunku Idris Iskandar Ismail Abdul Rahman Ibni Sultan Ibrahim and Guests
- 7. Sylvan Braberry with the Sentosa team
- 8. Xie Jiafa and radio celebrities
- 9. Rickard Hogberg, His Highness Tunku Idris Iskandar Ismail Abdul Rahman Ibni Sultan Ibrahim and Guests









# 26 Years and Counting

The former musician whose chance encounter with horses spurred him on to bigger dreams

he name 'Daniel' is a 'household' name in the Singapore Polo Club, whether it be Riding or Polo section.

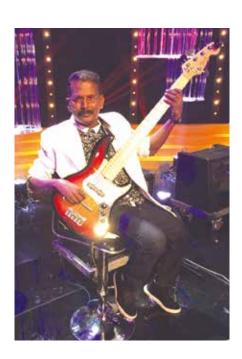
Celebrating his 26<sup>th</sup> year at the Singapore Polo Club, Daniel Sitranen is a veteran and also a well-loved riding instructor who has groomed generation after generation of riders.

He has taught many of our polo players to ride, from the Jumabhoys and Lawrence Khong to Melissa Ko (when she was 12 years old) and Giles Twiss at the age of 6. Some of his past students are now taking part in competitions abroad, including Katherine Desbaillets (his student at 12 years old), who is currently competing at Grand Prix level, and Kate Seah (who started at the age of 8) and is now jumping at 140cm classes in Australia at the age of 26.

What many current members do not know is that 55 year old Daniel used to be a bass guitarist in a band of six, playing at pubs, gigs and clubs all around the world! However, that wasn't for long.

Although now armed with a Level 2 Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) certificate, Daniel's passion for riding and, more importantly, his love for horses, was unexpected. He first encountered a horse at the relatively late age of 29 while visiting his wife Inge Thorsen, then an instructor at Singapore Polo Club.

Moving from the position of Assistant Stable Manager at the Singapore Polo Club in 1989 to Riding Instructor two years later, Daniel first represented Singapore in his maiden competition at the 1992 New Zealand Dressage





Old riding school arena

Championship, where he achieved an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> placing among 40 competitors from 20 countries.

A riding sensation, Daniel has won the Rolex National Champion Cup (Dressage) three times - in 1995, 1996 and 1998, has represented Singapore at the SEA Games and the 1995 ASEAN Games, where he placed second. He has also attained honorable standings at the FEI World Dressage Challenge in 2001 and 2002, and currently he is competing at Prix St George level.

Following the success of his competitions, Daniel's drive to be an even better rider grew more evident. He would go on a yearly riding pilgrim abroad, funded by himself, to either Germany or Denmark for a month to acquire new skills and to improve himself in every way possible. It is something he still does even up till today.

In 2013, while still working at the Singapore Polo Club, Daniel was introduced to the art of Carriage driving, something he never once thought he would experience. The then-committee realized they had a carriage without a horse and wanted to make full use of it and the idea of carriage driving was mooted and approved.

Mo, a horse from Australia, and a specialist carriage trainer, Mr Gary Rollans also from Australia was flown up to the Club. Under the guidance of Mr Rollans, Daniel learned carriage driving, but this has now come to a temporary halt as the carriage is undergoing necessary repairs.

Even after 26 years, retirement is not on the horizon for Daniel. In any case, retirement would not make any difference in his mind as he considers



Winning the Rolex National Champion Cup (Dressage) in 1995

the Club his second home. Should he be forced to 'retire' someday, he still hopes to be able to come back to the Club to inspire and train others, particularly Singaporeans, so as to open the doors of riding to a wider audience and for them to take up the sport and represent the nation.

"I love the horses very much and am happy to know that I can make a difference in somebody else's life especially when they ask me to train them - whether it is polo, riding, competitions or even for the disabled to learn. It makes me very happy to fulfill someone's desire and achievement."



Represented Singapore in the 1993 Dressage in Australia

Daniel's nurturing side is not limited to the humans who seek his expertise – it extends to horses as well. A few years ago, Dan, a horse was thought to be too difficult to handle because of its inabilities and it was often not the preferred choice for riders. Just when everyone was about to give up on the horse, Daniel volunteered to care and train the horse. Much to everyone's surprise, after nearly 3 months of training, the horse was able to canter perfectly.

"I paid attention and realized that the horse had problems with its legs and that it was not trained to move properly, which is the reason why she could not perform. I spent time with the horse, teaching her and I am very happy she is now a favourite with everyone," added Daniel.

For his enthusiasm and drive, Daniel never fails to bring a smile to his students and colleagues. Happy 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Club, Daniel!





Training in Denmark

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# Most Memorable Moments from the 2016 National Dressage Championships – from the perspective of one person

# As the Chairperson of the organising committee

- Thursday meetings with the show directors and 6 beautiful members who made the flower decorations, put all the prizes together and created an amazing team spirit and carnival feel inside and outside the competition arena. The Marketing team supported with the arrangement of F&B, marketing collaterals and the running of logistics with the rest of the team.
- Bringing in an impressive list of sponsors, showcased in sponsor booths and banners
- Pulling in all equestrian disciplines together into a dressage competition for a fantastic, fun-filled weekend: tent-pegging, quadrille, jumping, polo and pony club fancy dress

# As the Competitor

- The camaraderie shared amongst all competitors, irrespective of the clubs they represented
- Staring at the huge TV screen next to the arena for the results
- Standing on the podium (twice), as a winner, for the first time in my life, in a national competition

# As the Quadrille Performer

- Smoke Screens, laser beams, champagne bottles popping and a rather anxious school horse
- Earning the nick-name "Sergeant-Major", for calling the commands during the performance
- Performing together with my daughter in front of a crowd



## As the Spectator

- Drinking champagne in the balcony and eating oysters whilst watching top class competitors competing in freestyle dressage at the Gala Event
- Enjoying the commentary about all competitors, sponsors and events by our in-house talent, Kora Bremner
- After-party dancing, in the rain, say no more!

It was a true honour to be part of the 2016 NDC...I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next national championships to be held, at the Singapore Polo Club!

Article by Diana The, Riding Convenor & Main Committee Member

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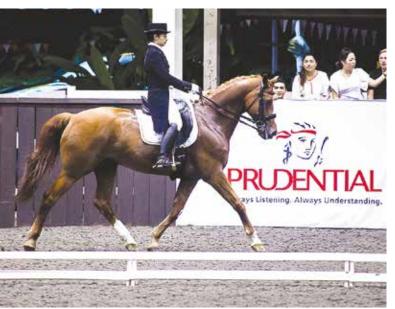


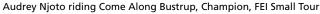
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Catrina Laird riding Donna Rubina, Champion, Advanced Class

# National Dressage Championships 2016

pinnacle of the dressage calendar, and the finale to the annual show circuit.

For many 'non-horse people', or for those captivated by the thrill of polo and show jumping, dressage is a somewhat elusive concept. It is one of three equestrian disciplines, along with show jumping and eventing, included as an Olympic sport, and is considered to be the more aesthetic of the three disciplines.

he National Dressage Championships is the

The term dressage comes from the French, meaning 'training'. Horse and rider move through a set of required movements in each of the three gaits (walk, trot and canter) based on a specified pattern. The exception to this is the more glamorous Freestyle to Music class where the rider choreographs a unique routine to music based on a number of required movements which aim to showcase the strengths of the horse/rider combination.

While a long way from the Rio Olympics, our own Championships were spiced with some very talented riding, magnificent horses, intense competition and a bit of glamour thrown in. Championship entrants were required to compete over three consecutive days in their respective classes (Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced and FEI Small Tour).

146 competitors participated over the course of the three days. Riders came from each of the major equestrian clubs in Singapore – the Bukit Timah Saddle Club (BTSC), the National Equestrian Centre (NEC), the Singapore Turf Club Riding Centre (STCRC) and the Singapore Polo Club (SPC) and for the first time we had an entry from EQUAL which was wonderful!

Congratulations to our SPC riders who won medals in their classes, and to our riders who emerged as Championship winners in five of the seven Championship classes.



Imogen Laird riding Danny de Vito, Champion, Medium Class



Amanda Fischer riding San Parodia, Champion, Elementary Class

One of the highlights of the three day event was a Gala Evening to showcase the Freestyle to Music component of the championships on Saturday 21st May.

Horses and riders warmed up for the show under floodlights in the Club's top school while guests sipped champagne and enjoyed canapés and oysters at our Oyster Bar.

Guests from the event's esteemed sponsors, including Mercedes Benz, Prudential and Singapore Tatler, as well as over 60 club members and their guests were seated at elegant bistro tables on the mezzanine balcony perched above the main arena.

As the sun's rays sank from the track after a long day of competition, the audience was treated to a very impressive display of tent pegging by the Polo section. Two polo riders speared flaming coconut husks astride thundering polo ponies at full gallop!

Attention turned once again to the main arena where the Club's quadrille team took centre stage and entertained the audience with a wonderful display of team formation riding. This set the scene for an exciting evening of competition to follow.

On Sunday, in addition to the final round of competition, we had three more treats in store for our spectators.

The Puissance jumping display showcased four of the showjumping horses from our Livery section. Each horse jumped two fences, with the final fence raised each time. Two of the horses cleared the top height of 155cm, a first at the Club! Thank you to our riders; Camellia Paulsen, Severine Miaja, Alysha Nair and Vesilia Ng.

The Puissance display was followed by an Indoor Polo mini-chukka from our Polo section, which was fast and furious, delighting our audience and Sponsors alike.



Tent pegging by Sanaullah Khan and Greg Parkhurst



Pony Club Fancy Dress Competition



Shana Thurley riding Jewel, Champion, Preliminary Restricted Class





The 3\* FEI Judges: Vittorio Barba and Col Sunil Shivdas

MC Kora Bremner

The Pony Club Fancy Dress Competition showed off our Young Equestrians at their best! All 6 teams, with a total of approximately 20 Pony Clubbers, had to demonstrate their best horsemanship and riding skills, team work and creativity for our judges. All teams who took part made us proud, and the team who took home the first prize was Team 2 from 'A Knight's Tale'. All four boys were dressed as 14th Century knights – shields, swords, and even chain mail, and Toby their Gallant Steed was resplendent in battle dress!

We would like to thank our judges, Julie and Olivia Ovidi and Debbie and Angie Saliling, who took time out of their busy schedule to volunteer to help us in this competition, and our prize Sponsor "Pursuit of Horses" for supporting our Pony Clubbers! Also special thanks to the Pony Club stall team who raised \$\$970!

In addition to everyone mentioned above, we would like to extend a heart felt thank you to everyone on the ground who made the National Dressage Championships such a success: our Show Directors - Rolando Gonzales and Daniel Sitranen; our Organising Committee - Yati Paulsen, Diana The-Kronenburg, Yuki Otani, Catrina Laird, Julie Ovidi, Deborah Thurley, Christin-Culmer Seymour and Gina Lim; our management and marketing team, our Instructors, Volunteers, Office Staff, Maintenance and Grounds crew who worked with great energy and enthusiasm over three long and very hot days. Our Grooms who took such great care of the horses and even came to watch! All the children and families who helped run the stalls and support the competitors. Our Sponsors without whose generous sponsorship events on this scale would not be possible. Thanks to Edward Choong for the great photographs over the three days, and finally, we would like to thank the visiting clubs who brought their riders and horses to the competition in such numbers.

Article by Deborah Thurley and Julie Ovidi





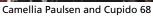














Quadrille line up





Shana Thurley (Preliminary)



Jasmine Giddens (Preliminary)



Clara Kong (Preliminary Open)



Clara Kong receiving the Star Award for Best Presented Horse (Warrior), seen here with Warrior's groom Raj, Supervisor at the NEP Yard



Amanda Fischer (Elementary)



Imogen Laird (Medium)



Catrina Laird (Advanced)



Audrey Njoto (FEI Small Tour)



Pony Clubbers



From left to right: Quadrille Riders – Debbie Saliling, Athena Kronenburg, Diana The-Kronenburg, Gina Lim, Christin-Culmer Seymour, Peggy Yeo and Rolando Gonzales

# My Experience as a Quadrille Rider

the Quadrille riders during the 2016 National Dressage Championships.

Every Sunday, after my riding lesson, I would go with my horse, Brownie, to the Covered Arena to practice the Quadrille with the other riders. We underwent training every week and it was exhausting. Being a very anxious person, I was at first nervous about trying out new things on Brownie, but I soon got used to it. Little did I know how exciting things were about to get!

y name is Athena Kronenburg. I was one of

During one practice, a tractor went past the polo field as we were the midst of doing a 10m circle. Brownie took off, with me hanging on for my dear life. She ran all the way to the other side of the arena and back to the polo side where all of the other riders were on their horses, shocked at the scene. Then, all of a sudden, Brownie made a sharp turn and looked like she was about to crash into Morena, the horse my mother was on. In all the confusion, I lost my balance and fell, landing between Morena's two hind legs. The horse stepped gingerly to the side, trying to avoid treading on me. I cried out in pain – Morena had trodden on my arm despite her best efforts. I managed to get up with the help of Audrey Njoto. To everyone's relief, I had only had a few scrapes – it was nothing major. Soon, I was back on Brownie, with only a few weeks to the Nationals.

On the day of the Nationals itself, I was terrified. I had never performed in front of such a big crowd before. Mustering all of my courage, I rode into the arena with the other Quadrille riders. Suddenly, Allegrea, the horse next to Brownie, spooked at a red light in front of her. She was barely controllable. Trying to remain calm, I whispered to Brownie in a reassuring voice, telling her not to be scared. Ron, one of our instructors, took over riding Allegrea, pairing with me and Brownie. We performed the Quadrille remembering all our formations, turns and circles. Before I knew it, it was over! People applauded as all the riders bowed. Brownie was at first a little taken aback by all of the clapping and cheering, but she managed to keep calm. I was very proud of Brownie and the fact that we were part of the 'once in a lifetime' opportunity of performing a Quadrille at the 2016 Nationals! Thank you, Ron, for being a very patient coach in teaching 8 riders such complicated formation in 4 weeks!

We are currently gathering interest to start quadrille classes for future quadrille performance at our club events. If you wish to be part of our quadrille team, please register your interest with the Riding Office now at :- riding@ singaporepoloclub.org

Article by Athena Kronenburg



Tia Gabler and Sweet Tart, Champions 100cm class

# The National Showjumping Championships, June 2016

he Singapore Polo Club fielded a jump squad of three school horses and six livery horses at the National Showjumping Championships hosted by BTSC in June. From the riding school: Abigail Cheng & Sugar Plum Fairy; Amelie Villeneuve-Moore & Mr Percy; Fiona Craig & Akermanis. From the livery yard: Camellia Paulsen & Cupido 68; Annelise Thurley & Jewel; Victoria Yang & Drums 'n Roses, Vesilia Ng & Gaisha De Major, Alysha Nair & Flash Top Hat; Tia Gabler & Sweet Tart and Sophie Parkhurst & Dartagnan.

Floating the horses to an away show is always fun, but this time it was with great anticipation that we loaded the horses as Nationals is the biggest jumping competition of the year.

Our riders settled their horses quickly into the stables at BTSC and had time to enjoy hacks on the grassy tracks, catch up with friends, and prepare for the first round of competition on Friday.

Team spirit was robust as riders cheered each other on, took photographs and relayed results back to the stables. Clear rounds and speed rounds, jump offs and poles down... and keen eyes on the big screen where points accrued for the competitors. Classes were won, placed and lost, each round impacting the next and, of course, those Championship points!

Our riders competed in the 90cm, 100cm, 120cm and 130cm and won ribbons over the three days. Three of our riders – Tia Gabler, Camellia Paulsen and Annelise Thurley – placed in the Championship categories 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Congratulations all!

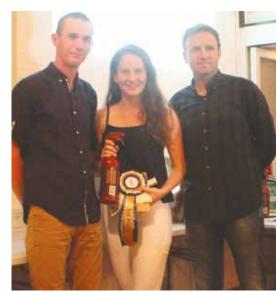


Vesilia Ng and Gaisha De Major 120cm class Day 3: 2nd

Our thanks go to BTSC for a really well organized and enjoyable event and to Edward Choong and Shana Thurley for the super photographs! And, last but not least, a big thank you to our coaches Rolando Gonzales, Daniel Sitranen and Roy Ibrahim for your support throughout the competition.

Article by Deborah Thurley





100cm class: Annelise Thurley and Jewel 2nd, 4th; Championship placing: 3rd





130cm class: Camellia Paulsen and Cupido 68 2nd, 1st, 2nd; Championship placing: 2nd



Fiona Craig and Akermanis 100cm class Day 1: 4th



Abigail and Sugar 100cm class Day 2: 1st



Victoria Yang and Drums 'n Roses 100cm class Day 2: 4th



100cm class: Tia Gabler, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 1st in the 90cm Championship placing: 1st



Most Improved Performance Award – Vesilia Ng and Gaisha de Major



Vesilia Ng recently competed in the Longines FEI World Cup Showjumping League 2016 – CSI2\*- W, China, Beijjing, Chaoyang Park. She was the youngest participant in 110-120cm Accumulator class riding borrowed horse Tipol du Verron, placing 23rd in a field of 65 riders with a lovely clear round.



Leaving the stables



Course walk with Roy



Entering the arena



Hacking on the heath



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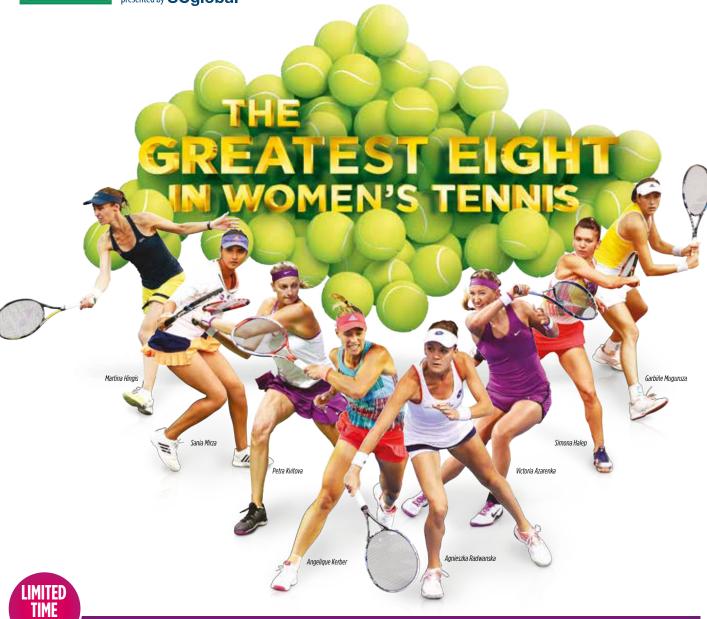


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6 year old Oscar Williamson, along with 7 year old Rosie Slade were jointly honored with the Best Camper award for their splendid display of care and concern towards the other campers.

"I wish the camp was for 2 weeks instead of 3 days, because I felt very comfortable here and I really enjoyed all of the activities especially cooking and art. I did not know I won Best Camper until my friends were congratulating me, I just like helping out." shared Oscar.

The Best Team title was awarded to the team of Hannah Wyatt, Anna Margaret Brooks and Elise Nicole Van Ginkel who never failed to cheer one another on.

The winning campers each received a special goodie bag for their effort. What a summerific experience it has been for our young campers!







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SEATING CAPACITY 16 persons



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# SEATING CAPACITY

Round table: 30-40 persons Theatre Seating: 70 persons U-ShapeStyle: 20-25 persons Cocktail Standing: 70 persons



## THE MOUNTBATTEN ROOM

The Mountbatten Room is a wine lounge that is part of the Polo Restaurant and Bar.

### SEATING CAPACITY

Round table: 50 persons Theatre Seating: 90 persons U-Shape Style: 35 persons Cocktail Standing: 100 persons



#### THE CHUKKA BAR TERRACE

The Chukka Bar Terrace is an extension of the Chukka Bar, next to the Chukka Board by the field side of the Polo Ground. It oversees the lush greenery of the polo field and one can relax while at the same time be near to the Polo action. The space is perfect for cocktail parties and group gatherings.

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