



This month was filled with the Land Rover High Goal, final update below...

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Action-Packed Land Rover Durban High Goal Polocrosse Tournament Thrills Crowds

Spectators at the third annual Land Rover Durban High Goal Polocrosse Tournament were treated to a perfect weekend of warm winter sunshine, blue skies and world-class equestrian action at the province's premier venue, the Shongweni Polocrosse Club.

Hundreds of spectators were treated to fast-paced polocrosse exploits between Friday 22nd and Sunday 24th June from the country's and some of the world's highest ranked players most of whom will be playing in the upcoming 2019 World Cup.

The Land Rover Durban High Goal featured eight teams consisting of the highest ranked players, who took part in the prestigious tournament which was the perfect platform to compete against each other at the highest level ahead of next year's World Cup in Australia. South Africa are the defending World Cup champions.

Polocrosse matches are played in three levels - low goal, medium goal and high goal – depending on a polocrosse team's total of each player's handicap. The term 'goal' does not refer to how many goals the player scores in a match, but rather indicates the player's value to the team.

Being a High Goal tournament, each team consisted of six players and an option to buy a wild card as their seventh player, thus adding a mystery to the winning team.

The Rokwil men's team broke team Land Rover's two-year winning streak, when they beat team Kego 32-24 in an exhilarating finale. Second place went to TWK Agri, third place to Kego and fourth place to Land Rover.

The Most Valuable Men's Player Award went to James Hackland of team Rokwil. South African team captain Jannie Steenkamp won the Best No. 1 Men's Player Award, with Best No. 2 John Rae (South Africa) and Travis Timm (South Africa) as Best No. 3 for the tournament.



In the final ladies game for the day, team Roski lost by one point to Land Rover Evoque with a score 23-22. However, in the overall standings following three days of play, team Roski took first place ahead of team Evoque, with teams Meru Moru in third and team Equest in fourth place.

The Best No.1 Ladies Player went to Australian Lucy Grills with South Africa's Karen Cocker as Best No.2 and Australia's Sandy Weston as Best No.3. The Most Valuable Ladies Player Award was won by Caley Higgs.



Got to be –"Photo of the Year"
Thank you Shannon Gilson!!

The Golden Pony Award in the women's category was won by Rio, ridden by Natalie MacLarty. In the men's category, the Golden Pony Award was won by Miss Disco, ridden by James Hackland.

Over the three-day tournament, there were eight teams, fifty-six players and about a hundred horses which put on a spectacular world-class performance.

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Jannie Steenkamp.



Gavin Cocker.



Will Weston and Graham Maclarty.



Jannie Steenkamp.

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Some history on the Woman's Golden Pony Award The EMCEE Trophy,

A TRIBUTE TO EMCEE SQUARED,

August 2002 I was called by a Summerveld, KZN trainer to look at 3 horses for sale. The deal was R9000 all three but they all had to go together. All unraced, just turned 3 year olds. I arrived at the yard and the trainer was not there. I enquired from the grooms which were the horses for sale. The groom vaguely pointed to a stable for the first one. I walked in to see a petite, pretty little red bay. Within a few seconds this pretty little filly turned on me, ears pinned back and came at me with her mouth open!! I managed to flee only just managing to close the stable door as she rammed the door with her chest leaning over with her mouth open and teeth gnashing trying to reach me! You can imagine how I felt, knees trembling I was suddenly not that impressed with this one!! The grooms were almost rolling on the ground laughing as they knew this little minx and had great fun watching me dodging her teeth! I got the groom to tack her up and dodged some more teeth and a few lifted back legs to get on her. I took her to a lunging ring and started riding her. What an absolute joy, within a few seconds I knew this was a natural, I had to have her!!

I rode the other two and they were both talented. I looked at the breeding and saw that the one was out of a mare that was sister to a very good youngster that James Hackland had lost from African Horse Sickness. It had been a very talented youngster. The other was a filly more suited to polo. Having no money of my own I had to come up with a plan quickly. I wanted this angry little filly more than anything I had ever wanted.

Time to come up with a plan!!! I went to my father in law at the time and asked to borrow R6000. He asked me when I would pay him back and I bravely said, 'give me a few weeks'!! I called my friend Beth and she agreed to take the Casey Tibbs for polo unseen. R3000 into my bank account. Now I had the R9000 needed.

My husband at the time, Wayne came with and we took the trip to Summerveld with the 3 berth. I arrived with butterflies, hugely excited with my eyes firmly on the little angry, red filly. On seeing Emcee Wayne pointed out her one boxy foot and said he didn't think it was a good idea to buy her. I rounded on him to say, 'I don't care if she has 4 boxy feet I am taking her!!!!' She climbed on the float and I never looked back.

Well as it went I sold the one to James Hackland for R6000 and Beth took the other one. I paid my father in law his money back within a week and I had the most precious horse I will ever own in my hands.

Even though Emcee was a natural she came to me angry and it took me a while to win her trust and form a bond, but what a bond we formed. My children used to say that the only thing Emcee loved was me! She kicked and bit many people, dogs and other horses and her natural strength made everyone on the property acknowledge her as the leader of pack. Everyone was terrified to blanket her or go in her box but she always came to me and loved her cuddles and kisses. When sad or troubled I always used to sit with her and she soothed my mood and I loved her with my whole heart. I truly feel that we understood each other and shared a rare human/animal bond.

Emcee played her first tournament a year after I got her. I took her slowly into the game as she used to get very uptight in the line outs and I wanted to win her. I wanted this angry little filly to trust me. And that she did. She stepped out playing with juniors at Greytown in 2003 and won best pony at her very first tournament.

She fractured her cannon bone in Pretoria at an IPT a few years later. On X-ray it showed that it was not displaced and she needed time. She stood in the paddock for 2 years and came back better than ever. On X-ray 2 years after the incident the fracture was not visible anymore. During this time Peter Choice approached me to buy an embryo and I agreed. Lucky for them she double ovulated and they harvested two embryos and both took and she had a beautiful filly and colt, Miss Disco and D.J from two different surrogate mares. A miracle on its own!

She came out again and we played two amazing seasons. I played with Caroline and Wayne and we beat some great A division teams and in 2007 she won S.A. Champs Golden pony. What an honour that was!

I got divorced in 2010 and couldn't afford to play. I hung onto my girl and stopped playing but rode her often and she was my constant companion and friend during these difficult years.

I came back to polocrosse in 2012 and she again came back flying. Fast and furious she tore up the polocrosse field giving me endless joy to just sit on her back. But at the end of 2015 at IPT in Paddock she developed a phleg leg and had to have a season off. I was happy to retire her, just to have her safely in the paddock was a joy for me. During this time I decided to breed with her and put her to a stallion I had ridden on the track. So in January 2017 she gave birth to a beautiful filly we called Gee Force.

I brought her back into work with trepidation, always worried for her safety. But she came back almost freakishly better after her foal, eager and fast I remember Gordon Shaw commenting at practice, 'Someone is happy to be back!' In June 2017 at the Shongweni high goal Emcee suffered an aortic rupture in the last minutes of the last chukka of the weekend. Although only 16, and not having played hard all her life, it has been explained to me that her condition would have been congenital and maybe the fact that she always gave 150% did not help her. No words can explain the loss. She was my friend, my super star and I loved her more than words can describe.

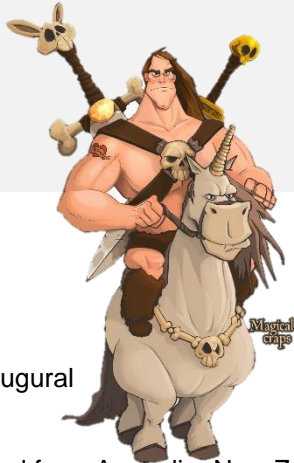
In tribute to her we donated a trophy, called the 'Emcee Memorial Floating Trophy'. To be presented to the best ladies pony at the Shongweni High Goal where she gave her life for me. It was hugely emotional for me to see her two children play over the weekend and then to see Miss Disco winning men's golden pony.

Not only is Miss Disco a legend like her Mom, she is ridden and owned by one of my dearest friends, James Hackland and I am privileged to see her strut her stuff at practice most Sunday's just like her mother used to.

May her memory live on and may she gallop furiously in paddocks evergreen!



JUNIOR BARBARIAN UPDATE....



The countdown has begun for the inaugural Junior Barbarian tour to South Africa.

U14 and U16 players have been invited from Australia, New Zealand, UK and Zambia to form a Barbarian u14 and u16 teams to play against our South African Juniors in an unofficial test match which will take place at Shongweni from the 17th to the 19th August. The Barbarian teams will be arriving in South Africa on the 9th August and will be playing with clubs at the Paddock tournament. We would like to thank our sponsor Moringa for their generous contribution towards the tour. Moringa will be launching their product in South Africa shortly. Please support Moringa and try out their products.

The South African teams have been announced and I would like to congratulate

U14 Sven Bunge Hylton Choice Nikita Gilks Lauren Heynes Andrew Lynne Jake Shaw Jamin Schuch Megan Vorster Coach – Caroline Minnaar Manager - Kerry Lynne	U16 Amy Cocker Bianca Du Toit Megan Hatch Micha Van Celler Robbie Anderson Trent Cocker Josh Le Roux Coach – Henry Harris Manager – Karen Cocker
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Barbarian Team Harry Semmens - Australia Ella Myers – Australia Jasmin Bowden - Australia Daniel Mawson – Zambia Amorette Du Toit – Zambia Tegan Bristow – UK Sydney Viljoen – SA		Gemma Stuart - Australia Julia Stuart - Australia Chelsea Semmens - Australia Lara Van Der Heide - Zambia Dane Myers - Australia Tawa Holyoake - New Zealand Andrew Hall - Zambia Andrew Mawson – Zambia
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NATAL POLOCROSSE RACEDAY – FUNDRAISER

The KZN Clubs pulled together to arrange Sponsors for and attend a DAY AT THE HORSERACES at Scottsville Racecourse on Sunday 17th June 2018.

Sponsors, their Guests and many of our members filled the 120-seater Rockafellas venue.

Our Sponsors:

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Their Sponsorship collectively helped Polocrosse contribute R3000 to the Coastal Horse Care Unit – a great way to support this amazing charity.

We also received support in the form of LUCKY DRAW prizes and FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS from:

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Some Guests were fortunate enough to go behind the scenes and visit the Starting Gates.

We were also afforded the opportunity to sip Champagne in the Parade Ring, picking out today's winners and tomorrow's future polocrosse ponies – such fun!

The opening race of the day saw many of our Guests loyally betting on ex-polocrosse player and now champion-elect jockey, Lyle Hewitson. He duly obliged, winning on a horse bred by Roski Stud (Soss Santini) – yet another Polocrosse connection! Could it be more special!

The tote facility inside our venue was a hive of activity from then on – lots of betting fun was had by all!

The second race saw the winning Trainer receive a Bomber's Biting Consultation (including a bit to suit). We thank Bomber for putting this prize up and trust that he gains more than sufficient exposure & support.

After the fourth race, we were treated to a brief fashion expose of Pietermaritzburg-based designer Anika. Her models donned 3 of her beautiful designs and paraded amongst the tables. Anika hails from the SCHOOL OF FASHION – owned & run by Priscilla Bhika.

With the advent of Polocrosse Gala Dinners & the like (and maybe more Polocrosse attendance at the Durban July and other horseracing events) perhaps we should consider having an outfit designed by these local talents!

Lyle Hewitson then briefly addressed us before the start of the ninth race. His message was largely to support our Sponsors, the lifeblood of Sport.

And on that note, I will end off. Please support our Sponsors. If we make this an annual event, it would be great if they partner with us again.

Possibly each centre should look at hosting a RACEDAY as a fundraiser (Western Cape, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape, KZN & Gauteng). I would be happy to assist.

Polocrosse royalty in Potchefstroom

Wouter Pienaar

Champion thoroughbred horses gallop towards goal in unison with skilled riders in a frenzied possession melee for the ball. Nothing except clouds of dust are left behind in this battle for supremacy where horses and their riders with racquets become one in search of the gaping space between two wooden uprights.

This is just one of the majestic action-filled sights spectators were bound to see in the unique sport of polocrosse that was on glorious display in Potchefstroom over the weekend (30 June-1 July).

It was a historic day when Potch Polocrosse Club and Camelot Equestrian Club hosted the first polocrosse tournament at the Camelot Equestrian Club in 15 years. Teams from Vryburg, Saints and Inanda in Johannesburg and Walkerville completed the competitive line up of the weekend. Saints A won the A division; Potch A, the B division; Vryburg C were victorious in the C division and Walkerville D took the spoils in the D-division.

'We are just two small local clubs that are hosting the tournament and I think it will be amazing if we can get the sport off the ground in Potch. It will be special to host a big championship in the future.'

'Today, some of Camelot Equestrian Club's riders and Potchefstroom Polocrosse Club riders will be in the same Potch-based team,' said Sanet Britz, the owner and trainer at Camelot Equestrian Club.

The teams entered for this tournament in 16 sections and were further divided up from division A to D, based on their handicap.

'The kids and women normally start on a -2 handicap and the men on 0. Factors that determine your handicap include your riding ability, your stick and ball ability and your reading of the game,' she explained.

Horsemanship is vital

Horses need to be well conditioned as riders can only use one horse. Horses also need to be able to pirouette, gallop, be quick off a standing start and cool and calm under pressure from the opposition horses. Polocrosse is like playing a fast-paced tactical game of chess on horseback with the added physicality found in rugby and ball skills used in hockey.

'Polocrosse really brings in the horsemanship element as you have to care for your horse. You only have one horse per game and this is why it is the king of the one-horse sports,' emphasised SA polocrosse player, Emma Hall. She also began playing polocrosse with her family at an early age. 'The awesome thing about polocrosse is that you can play it with all the generations in your family. Some clubs have three generations playing, which is fantastic,' she said.

Britz's children also play polocrosse and this is a living testament to the family-friendly, all-inclusive nature of the sport where anyone can play in a team, irrespective of your age or experience. 'Some of my polocrosse players have been riding for about two months and then we gradually train them how to ride a horse safely, balance on horseback and different stick and ball skills,' added the experienced trainer who started playing polocrosse for the SANDF way back in 1995.

Best in the world

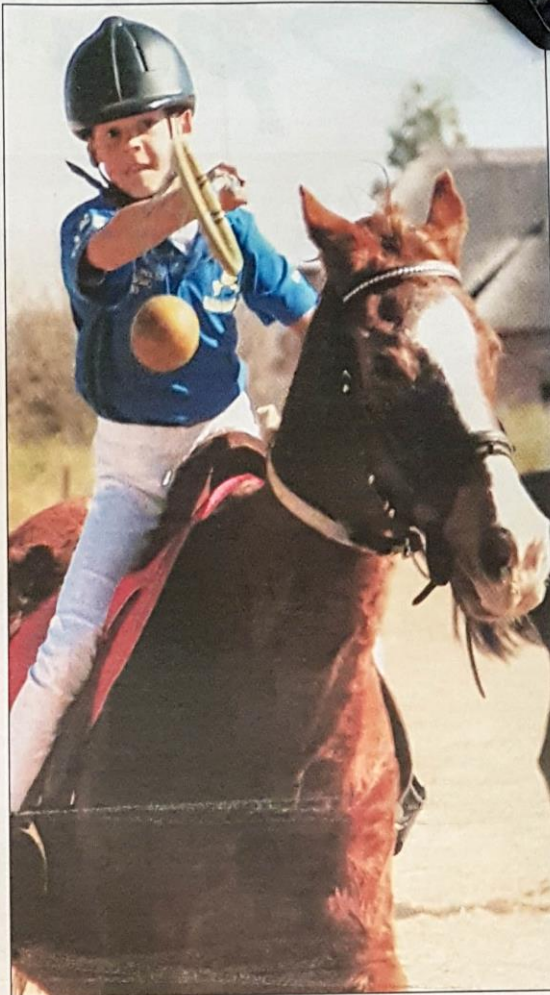
South Africa can proudly claim to be the best in the world in polocrosse having won the 2011 and 2015 World Cup tournaments, which, in itself, is a tremendous feat. The SA polocrosse players, Emma Hall and Ross Beukes were also at the event in Potchefstroom with Hall giving her insights on SA's champion pedigree.

'We have got some of the best horseflesh as far as polocrosse is concerned. We also have some amazing breeders and trainers. It helps that we train kids from a young age and a lot of youngsters are coming through the ranks. Our team has amazing ball skills and ours are generally better than the other countries.' According to Hall, another element that gives SA the edge is the ability to reshuffle tactics and break the mould regarding game strategies.

'When we won the World Cup in the UK in 2011, we still tried to perfect our game with new ideas to give us that edge and it has paid off.'

SA will now defend their crown in Warwick, Australia in 2019 and will be looking to make it a hat-trick of wins on the world's biggest stage. If the quality of the action in Potchefstroom this week is anything to go by, then the World Cup should be in safe hands.

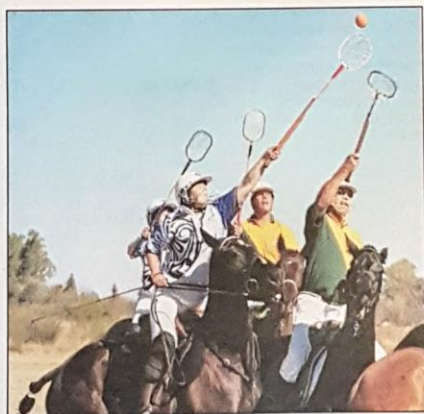
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Local polocrosse player, Christopher Thornhill aims for goal.



Johanet van Dyk of Camelot Equestrian Club on the attack.



Jackie Janse van Rensburg of Saints just gets her racquet ahead of Lambert van der Nest of Vryburg in a heated polocrosse battle. Photos: Wouter Pienaar

Polocrosse: The undisputed king of one-horse sports

Polocrosse is a combination of polo and lacrosse, where teams of three riders each attempt to throw balls via their netted stick racquets through the opposition's goalposts.

Two umpires officiate the game that starts when the umpire throws the ball from the sideline. Players form a line-up (it almost looks like a rugby line out) in order to gain first possession of the ball.

The riders carry the sponge rubber ball towards goal in lacrosse-like nets, passing the ball to one another in order to gain territory and possession for their team.

The three positions on the field are attack (No. 1), midfield (No. 2) and defence (No. 3) with each rider crucial to the team's success. A match is divided into chukkas (periods) of six minutes each and, depending on the tournament

rules, can consist of four to eight chukkas.

The players can gain possession when picking the ball up from the ground with their racquets, catching it in mid-air or riding with it. A line separating the goal-scoring and centre areas is called the penalty-line. Only the attacker (No. 1) can score a goal and cannot carry the ball over the penalty line. The attacker must bounce the ball before

crossing the line or pass it to a teammate. When the attacker is in possession of the ball in the goal-scoring area, they can attempt a throw between the goal posts. Points are determined via a handicap system that allows players of various ages and skill levels to play in the same team. Points are then allocated if a goal is scored, depending on the handicap of the players.



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