



And so ends another season of Polocrosse!! It was a slow start to the year and a difficult time with AHS postponing the Junior Classic which unfortunately then caused some tournaments to be very close together and selections for the upcoming junior tours to be delayed. However the Junior Classic was a great success with a total of 76 juniors travelling to Bethal. A great weekend of polocrosse and coaching, thanks to Rochelle Thornhill for the fantastic photographs, please visit her FB for more great photos!!



..... and onto the World Cup!! Congratulations to our World Cup Team who made it to the finals and finished a comemorable second.



Thank you to all the horse co-ordinators who travelled with the team to Australia, your support and dedication to the horses and their welfare was fantastic!!

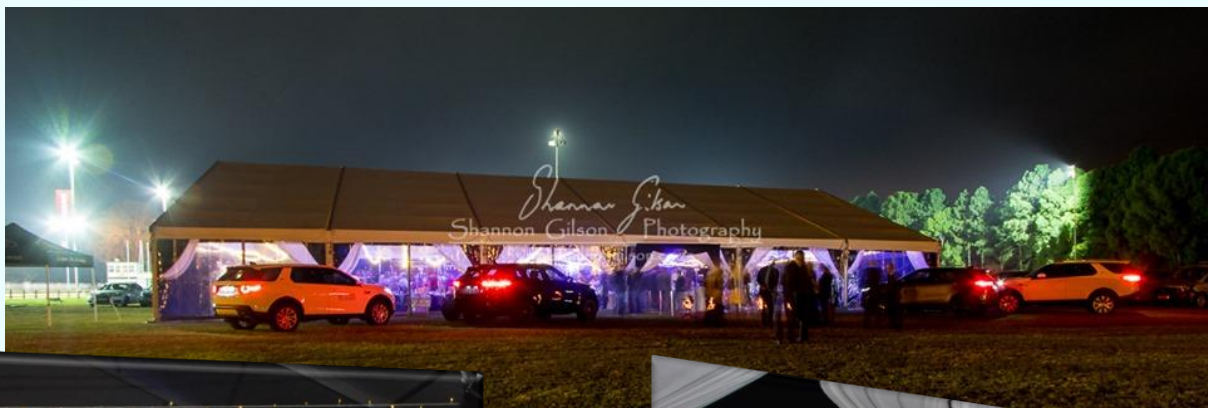
A massive thank you to Bruce Maclarty, Brent Von Benecke and Helene Steenkamp, your time and dedication to the players and our beloved sport is greatly appreciated!!



No sooner than the World Cup had finished, players from all over the World were gearing up for the Shongweni High Goal. This spectacular event which is hosted by Landrover Durban again went off with huge success, congratulations to Brent Von Benecke, Sam Heynes and the team for putting on a fantastic show!! A massive thank you to Land Rover Durban for their continued support!!



A "Black Tie" evening kick started the High Goal event, again please see SHANNON GILSON facebook and webpage for stunning pictures of this event....



Congratulations to the Ladies Land Rover Evoque Team who won the Ladies Division....



Congratulations to the Land Rover Durban Men's Team who also came away the Winners of the High Goal!!

Golden Pony for the Ladies went to French Kiss owned by Karen Cocker and ridden by Lindsay Doolan



Golden Pony for the Men went to Cigarette owned and ridden by Stefan Harris

It was unfortunate that this year the IPT had to be called off, however the SA Champs went off with great success and congratulations to the following...



The A Division Winners were Shongweni!!

Runners UP to the A Div - Nyati

Congratulations to Lauren Heynes who was awarded best Junior Horse and Ricer combination!!



Congratulations to Andrew Heynes who was awarded the "Robbie Odell" Memorial Trophy for most goals scored!!



Paddy O'Sullivan was awarded the "Farmers Weekly Trophy" for Best Umpire.



The "Paul Oldfield" Memorial Trophy for the "Most Worthy Number 3" went to Gav Cocker!!



The Ginny Herbert Trophy went to Helene Steenkamp.

This lady has put a tremendous effort into Polocrosse, extended thanks and gratitude from PASA for your continuous effort !!



And last but not least, our World Cup Captain Jan-Albert Steenkamp was awarded "Player of the Year", Jan - Albert was also awarded "Sportsman of the Year" by the Western Cape Sports Council!!



Congratulations to Unicorns Club for best turned out Club and to Nyati Club for being awarded the "Hullett Development Trophy" for their club development and membership for 2019!!





Ann Timm...

Next up was the "Timm Memorial" this was hosted at the Mooi River Polocrosse Club by the Timm family in honour of the late Granny Ann Timm. She was the biggest influence in getting Polocrosse started in South Africa. It was a fantastic fun tournament which saw riders from all disciplines come and try their hand at Polocrosse. Thank you to the Timm family for hosting such a fantastic Tournament with a wonderful venue, a tribute to Granny

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LADY

Grannie, Gogo, Mrs Timm, Mrs T or just plain Ann, whatever your affectionate name for Ann Timm was, it all had the same connotation of love and respect for this lovely person who is revered as the "Mother of Polocrosse" not only in South Africa but all over the world. Mrs T always had time for everyone and with her incredible memory could not only remember each and everyone's name but also all their family members down to the last born child. There was never a dull moment when I travelled with Mrs T as she would talk and reminisce for hours on end, remembering every detail of a particular incident often to my embarrassment and discomfort.

Mrs Timm loved to tell all and sundry of the day we met. I was about 12 years old and playing a game of Polocrosse at Cato Ridge. Mrs T was time keeping and the ball was thrown in deep and I happened to turn first and was chasing the ball that was heading straight for Mrs T and her time keeping table on the opposite side of the field. As the ball rolled closer to the side line so I increased speed to collect it before it went out of play. A conundrum began to form: either I increase speed further and risk running into the score table or abandon my quest and pull up. Well my horse took one look at Mrs T and the score table and decided the ninety degree left turn was a far better option. There was a snapping sound as my girth broke and I was presented at Mrs T's feet, saddle between my legs, racquet with the ball in my hand but motionless and snoring. In those days there were no medics and my wellbeing was left to Mrs T who was now peering down at this heap of misfortune at her feet. When I woke I had Mrs T sitting astride me with her thumb and forefinger jammed in my mouth firmly gripping my tongue. The general belief was that a person who was unconscious had a strong possibility of swallowing their tongue. One can imagine my distress as I had no idea who this person was or where I was, and then to compound matters someone asked how I was feeling. As I tried to speak Mrs T tightened her grip on my tongue causing considerable

pain and all I could do was muster a squeal not dissimilar to a pig stuck in a fence. Needless to say Mrs T firmly established herself as my second mother and I repeat this story only because every other Polocrosse player will have experienced a similar relationship with Mrs T, such was the maternal instinct of this great lady.

Mrs T and her husband Arthur, had six children; Nixon and Nigel who are twins, Sue the first daughter, then another set of twins, Tony and Andrew and finally Erica. Mrs T was introduced to Polocrosse in the nineteen fifties at the Muriel Higgs riding school at the site where the Kings Park Rugby Stadium Durban stands today. She was the founder of the oldest existing polocrosse club in South Africa, Tegwaans. All of the Timm family played for Tegwaans for many years and both Tony and Andrew played and represented South Africa and were awarded Springbok colours. Mrs T worked for a firm of accountants in Pietermaritzburg for many years and thus was more than qualified to serve on club, provincial and national committees. Her services and dedication on these committees were highly valued and when Mrs T spoke everyone would sit up and take note. Mrs T was also an international umpire and officiated at an international between Rhodesia and South Africa. I remember the occasion well, a big grey warm blood (17 hands) was presented for Mrs T and because of the size of the horse considerable time was taken up to get Mrs T mounted on this magnificent horse. Needless to say Mrs T did a sterling job with commendations from both countries. Mrs T was also involved in trying to accredit coaches and umpires and indeed in all aspects of polocrosse. Mrs T was a stalwart in liaison with the Pietermaritzberg town council and was the founder member of the Pietermaritzburg Polocrosse club and it was her who negotiated the use of the Chatterton Road venue that hosted many international competitions with five world class fields and facilities. It was a huge loss to Polocrosse when the town council decided to sell that field to commerce.

Mrs T had an incredible work ethic and this was instilled in, and emulated by, all her children. All the tours in and out of the country for polocrosse (until the turn of the century) were almost entirely organised by Mrs T. She would organise everything from our travel arrangements, accommodation and sponsorship. My fondest memories were traveling with the horse truck. Ian Freeman who owned a transport company in Estcourt was kind enough to transport us to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) for just the cost of the diesel. To save money Andrew Timm and I were to travel with Ian as assistants. Andrew and I immediately made contact and being young, dumb and full of fun started to make plans to do what young boys do best. However cold water was unceremoniously dumped on our plans when Mrs T announced that she was also traveling with the horse truck. We stopped at the border and under strict instructions from Mrs T, we unloaded the horses at the sale ground, swept the truck clean, hung hammocks out and there we spent our night with Mrs T. This set the tone for the rest of the tour. Our intentions to spread our wild oats were thoroughly thwarted and we ended up tending the carrot patch. I'm sure Mrs T had our number, and as the years rolled past I got to appreciate her wonderful sense of humour and although she used to keep a straight face I used to notice the corners of her mouth twitch and her eyes brighten whenever she was amused. Life with Mrs T was an adventure and I would need a lifetime to recite all the wonderful experiences with this amazing woman.

Mrs T you were a mother to all of us in polocrosse and you were the "umpire" in all our lives; you were always there with special advice for each of us and sometimes when you blew the whistle it might not have been in our favour, but it was always fair and true, done with a smile and for the best. We will all miss you but will never forget you!

Rest in Peace Mrs T

The Barbarian U19's ran alongside the Timm Memorial at the Mooi River Country Club with great success. A full U19 Ladies side and a full U19 Men's side was selected to come up against a side with players from as far as Australia, New Zealand, Zambia and UK. The Barbarian Ladies came away with three clear wins and the South African U19 Men also came away with three clear wins. A huge thank you to Karen Cocker and Bruce Maclarty for putting together another successful Barbarian Tour.



Congratulations to the following.....

Julia Stewart from Australia, Best No 1



Lara Van Der Hide from Zambia Best No 2



Gemma Stuart from Australia Best No 3



Congratulations to our SA Men who managed to win three out of three!! A great combination of sportsmanship and comraderie was shown all around, friendships that will remain for a lifetime.



Congratulations to the following...



Chad Von Benecke Best No 1



Josh Simms - Fowler from NZ - Best No 2



Kenan Classen - Best No 3



Not only was Chad awarded most valuable player but his pony "My Cuzzie" won "Golden Pony" in the Men's Division!! Well done to Chad!!



Lauren Heynes pony "Bolt" won "Golden Pony for the Ladies series ridden by Julia Stuart,



A big thank you to Jacquie Minnaar, Leigh Higgs, Graham Maclarty and Travis Timm along with Jan-Albert & Retief Steenkamp who also assisted, these players all took time out to coach our Juniors and your input is greatly appreciated!!

To Shannon Gilson for the Wonderful photos!!



The U16's galloped off to UK and had a fantastic tour bringing home three wins out of the three test matches!!



Ladies

Nikita Gilks

Bianca Du Toit

Sydney Viljoen

Carah Koekermore

Men

Jamin Schuch (C)

Andrew Lynn

Jake Shaw

Sven Bunge

Congratulations to...

Nikita Gilks – Best Female Horse and Rider Combination.

Jake Shaw – Best Male Horse and Rider Combination

Sydney Viljoen – Best Female Player

Jamin Schuch – Best Male Player



A big thank you to
Caroline Minnaar
for her coaching &
to Vanessa Gilks
for Management!

Another great tour experienced by the Juniors with friendships and memories made for a lifetime!!



A word from the U19 Captain Jamin Schuch....

Engeland Toer

Ek wil net graag die geleentheid gebruik maak om baie dankie te sê. Dankie vir die mense wat soo gesorg was, om ons in hul huise te laat verwelkom. Dankie vir die mense wat hierdie Toer moontlik gemaak het. Vir Al ons borge wat gesorg het dat ons in sulke mooi kleredrag kon gaan. Wil ek ~~net~~ graag baie dankie sê aan ons attridge, want sonder haar sou ons nie die toer gegee het nie. Maar Sy kon darem n grap of twee vertel wat noggals skreusmaaks was. Die toer was regtig baie lekker en eks seker al my spanmaats sal saamstem. 😊

Groete Jamin

Fast forward to the U14's who took a trip to our Zambian neighbours!! It was a fantastic tour but an unfortunate loss to Zambia who managed to take home the three wins, but congratulations to the team for their effort and a huge thank you to their coach Beth Maclarty and Manager Melanie King.



Congratulations to Lauren Heynes, who was awarded "Best No 1" as well as riding the "Best Pony" owned by Erin Walisko!!

Dear PASA

Captains Report – u14 Tour to Zambia – August 2019

The tour started off on Sunday in Durban, with most of the team flying to Johannesburg, at the break of dawn, to collect a few more team mates, and then onto Lusaka, Zambia.

The team quickly settled in later that day at the Lion House, where we stayed at.

After a team talk and handing out of kit, we went to bed to prepare for the following day of practice.

We practiced throughout the week until Thursday.

Thursday evening was the formal/cocktail party where players parents re-joined the team. After an amazing night at the club, we got to bed early in preparation of the next day, MATCH day.

Friday we woke up early to get ready for the big day ahead, we had team, individual & horse talks.

Later in the day, we headed for the fields to play our first test against Zambia.

After a very interesting day the team only settled in the last 2 chukkas, costing us a 2620 loss.

Saturday, the more prepared team, set out and after a harder day at work, our team improved & came to a closer 22-15

Sunday was an early day, in order to pack & get ready to leave, & after a better display of polo-crosse, in the 7th chukka, South African had finally overtaken Zambia on the scoreboard. After the best chukka the Zambians ever played, they overtook South Africa by 1 goal, resulting in a 20 – 19 loss.

After the game, thank YOU's and swapping of players shirts, the team left Zambia to fly back home.

We may have lost but we have learnt, we have experienced & made special bonds, which is priceless.

I thank each individual, in our team, our coach Beth McLarty, our manageress Mel King & all parents who supported us.

I thank PASA for also supporting us, for making these tours happen.

I also thank the Zambians for hosting us.

Regards

Hylton Choice

A Word from the U14 Captain Hylton Choice.....



Next up we had a development tour that visited Zimbabwe in the city of Bulawayo. The team was a mixed side of all age groups and they had a great weekend playing against the Zimbabwe side which was also a mixed side of various ages,

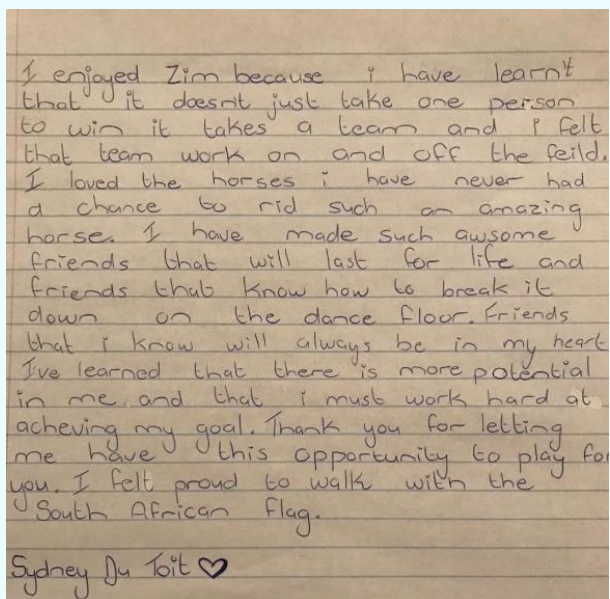
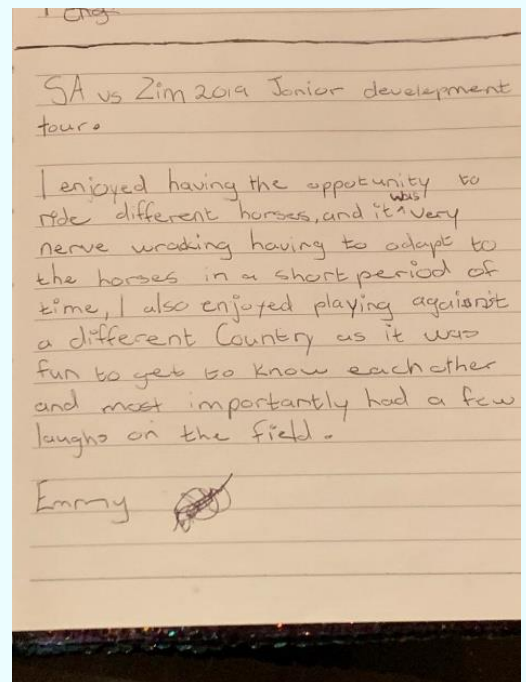


Hallo almal

Baie dankie aan almal wat dit moontlik gemaak het vir ons om op die Toer te gaan, ek dink dit het baie goed afgeloop en almal het dit geniet. Ek het so baie geleer op die toer en van die goed sal ek nooit vergeet nie. Daar was baie tye wat ons as span saam was. Al die Perde wat ons Suid - Afrikaanse kinders gekry het, was uitstekend en het goed gegaan vir ons almal. Baie dankie vir al die mense wat bereid was om jou te help waar jy sukkel of jou net raad te gee van wat jy verkeerd gedoen het. Baie dankie aan ons Afrigter Emma en ons Spanbestuurder Oom Francios

Groete
TR Visser

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When I heard that there was a tour, I was all in... I just hoped I would make it. I held my breath and finally I heard I had made it.

The next thing I realized we were in the road and on our way. When I met my team mates I could not be anymore excited, but I was wrong, because in Zimbabwe when I got to the house where we were staying I realized I knew the people from long ago. My excitement suddenly turned into nerves when I realized I did not know my horse or my opponents.

The next day our coach Emma Hall arrived and my nerves turned back into excitement beachside I knew Emma would help us till the end.

I want to end off by saying thank you to Uncke Squakey and Sophie for the amazing horse called Treasure and to the best coach ever Emma Hall. The new friends made in Zim and last but not least my team mates and my Dad for all the push ups 😊

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I really enjoyed Zimbabwe, everyone was really nice and they made me feel very comfortable. I made lots of friends and lots of great memories. The horses were fantastic and so were the people that let us use their amazing horses. It was also great to get out of the cold. The people we stayed with were awesome, and the other team was amazing and really nice. I also really enjoyed my team I made lots of great friends. It was so much fun playing with them, and the parents were amazing with helping us and our amazing coach Emma. Thank you for the tour I really enjoyed it.

All the best!
Senna Viljoen.



This tour was a great experience for me. Even though I didn't know anyone, everyone was very friendly and welcoming. I really enjoyed the bonding we did as a team. The games were really nice. Emma was a really great coach, always positive. I am really grateful that I got to participate in this tour and that I got to meet new amazing people. I loved all the horses, especially Peddles. He was such an amazing horse to ride and he performed very well. I loved how welcoming Zimbabwe was and all the friends I made that side. My host, Sam was an amazing person who always made sure we were ok and had everything we needed. This was my first tour and it was amazing.

Megan Thomson

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This tour was a great experience for all of the kids who were playing and even the people who weren't playing. We made good friends when we played against each other. We all enjoyed the horses we rode when we were there. Even though we didn't really know each other in the SA side we really connected really well. All of us got a lot of experience playing against them. Zimbabweans are very nice and friendly people, I would definitely like to go to Zimbabwe and play against them. It was an awesome experience with everyone thanks.

From Shana Beukes



Thank you to all the kids who wrote in with their experience!! Great to hear that you all had a fantastic time!!

The Cape Classic started with a glamorous Friday evening to welcome the guests and the visiting Zimbabwe Masters/Vets side. The South African team came away the clear winners, it was a successful weekend all round, please visit the SHANNON GILSON facebook and website page for photos!!





Please visit [SHANNON GILSON](#) facebook page and website for more photos!!

It's that time of year again, where AHS and Flu Vacs need to be updated.
Please ensure that horses are vaccinated with the correct procedures
followed ☺

And last but not least ~

CONGRATULATIONS to Shannon Gilson for being awarded the
KZN "Best Photographer" very well deserved and please if anyone is
looking for photo's not only of horses and polocrosse but weddings, wildlife,
home life ~ it's all there on her facebook
and web page!!!



