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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

And we're back again!

The "yo-yo-ing" between lockdown criteria is exhausting, and I am sure everyone was as confused as we were on the limitations enforced. It is great news that we can continue with the season and hopefully end with a bang.

From a PASA perspective, we have taken the break to focus on the World Cup planning and sponsorship. We'll share our efforts with the community as soon as possible.

Now that we have dates confirmed for SA Champs, we have started the push to ensure this tournament goes off

smoothly and gives everyone a spark for the closure of the season.

There are 3 prizes that will be awarded at SA Champs that we need club, province and executive input on. Please send your nomination through for George Rutenbach Player of the Year award, Ginny Herbert Lady Play Personality and Umpire of the Year.

There are a few tournament fixture changes that have been communicated to members via various platforms. There are some tournaments left, big and small, and I would like to encourage everyone to support the tournaments available to them. Every club and province are trying to give

their best to provide a great end to the season.

Please remember that all COVID protocols are still in place and need to be enforced at any event—tournament or practice. The risk is still high and we need to do our bit to protect our friends and family.

I hope you all have a wonderful time riding, practicing and competing in the last stretch of the 2021 season, and look forward to seeing everyone at SA Champs in MooiRiver.

Yours in polocrosse

Manfred Rohwer



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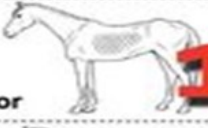






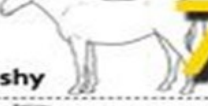

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	Tanya Esson		Sven Bunge
	Brad Hunter	17	Henry Harris
	Riekke van der Nest		LJ van der Nest
3	Greg Hunter	23	Caleb De Jong
6	Mia Beukman	25	Samantha Heynes
8	Carine Smit	27	Camilla Kidson
9	Jacque Minnaar		Paul Brande
	Micaela Bauer	28	Simon Rutherfordoord
10	Ange Schoeman	30	Sydney DuToit
13	Lucy DeJong		Ashleigh Shaw
	Andrew Lynn		Nick Powell

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How does you horse MEASURE UP?

USPA BCS Scorecard

Horse: _____ Date: _____
Owner: _____ Club: _____

Score	Neck	Shoulder	Withers	Ribs	Loin	Tail-head
Poor  1	extremely thin	very prominent	extremely thin	very prominent	very prominent	very prominent
Very Thin  2	very thin	very thin	very thin	prominent	prominent	very thin
Thin  3	thin	thin	thin	see easily	fat cover 1/2 way up	prominent
Moderately Thin  4	moderately thin	moderately thin	moderately thin	outline of ribs	negative crease	some fat
Ideal  5	blend into shoulder	blend smoothly	rounded	cannot see, easily feel	level	ideal fat cover
Moderately Fleshy  6	little fat	little fat	little fat	cannot see, can feel	slight crease	fat
Fleshy  7	average fat	average fat	average fat	barely feel	crease	fleshy fat
Fat  8	fat	flush behind	fat filled	difficult to feel	obvious crease	very soft fat
Extremely Fat  9	bulging fat	bulging fat	bulging fat	cannot feel (patchy fat)	very obvious crease	bulging fat

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Just for LAUGHS...



Inaugural President's Cup Tournament—2021



The President's Cup tournament made it's first appearance on our fixture list this year, with an overwhelming response from our members, a total of 122 players.

Players were divided into 2 divisions – Super League, where a captain was chosen and they had to find 3 other players to play in their section. An A division made up of ladies teams of 8 players and mens teams of 8 players. And finally our u19 division, with each team made up of 7 players.

It was an extremely busy weekend for the organizers, but it paid off in the end with a number of players commenting that they enjoyed the format as well as their games. There were some exciting games on offer with thrilling results.

Results

JUNIOR U19 DIVISION

U19 RUNNERS UP – LINTON FARM, COACH JEAN HACKLAND, MANAGER PAUL BRANDE – TEAM – Keara Mattheus, Abbey Hackland, Megan Thompson, Tristan VD Walt, Troy Brande, Luke Brande, Grace DeFranca

U19 WINNERS – UNTOUCHABLES, COACH TRACE PRICEMORE, MANAGER – KERRY LYNN – TEAM – Che Davis, Christopher Thornhill, Stacey Wheeler, Ella King, Tom Lynn, Lance Pricemore, Kendra Thompson

GOLDEN PONY – MAYHEM (Abbey Hackland)

A DIVISION

LADIES RUNNERS UP – MORINGA – Team – Tayla Mansfield, Hazel Stanley, Belinda Dunford, Albie Grobelaar, Ange Schoeman, Zoe Lambert, Marishka Groenewald, Ashleigh Vernall

LADIES WINNERS – FEEDTEK – Team – Jenny Firth, Megan Hatch, Debbie Dick, Evie Tarr, Shauny Reed, Lauren Dell, Antoinette Mattheus, Kellie Uphof

MENS RUNNERS UP – EXTREME HEAT – Henry Harris, Jens Bunge, Aidan Lynn, Liam Classen, Ian Lynn, Stefan VD Merwe, Yorick Smith, Druan Meyer

MENS WINNERS – MSD – Team – James Kent, Sean Gilson, Ruben Vorster, Andrew VD Walt, Noel Bauer, Francois Du Toit, LJ VD Nest, Rob Jewell

GOLDEN PONY A DIVISION – DEVON BLUE (Ian Lynn)

SUPER LEAGUE

LADIES RUNNERS UP – TENDELE – TEAM – Leigh Higgs, Caley Higgs, Kirsten Swan, Amy Cocker

LADIES WINNERS – NKOSI – TEAM – Natalie Maclarty, Lauren Heynes, Olivia King, Sarah Van Wyk

MENS RUNNERS UP – BIGGARS BERG ROGUES – TEAM – Graham Maclarty, Stefan Harris, Kenan Classen, Josh Le Roux

MENS WINNERS – MOSAIC SMART DATA – TEAM – Johan De Jager, Jannie Steenkamp, Andrew Heynes, Ross Beukes

GOLDEN PONY – REBEL (Ridden by Jannie Steenkamp, owned by Andrew Heynes)



REBEL and Andrew Heynes (Super League Golden Pony)



DEVON BLUE and Ian Lynn (A Division Golden Pony)



MAYHEN and Abbey Hackland (u19 Golden Pony)

Polocrosse Memories of Mt Rosa Polocrosse Club

Barbara von Benecke

Mt Rosa Gymkhana Club was formed on the KZN South Coast by Mr Harry Usher (Grandfather of Richard Hatch – Great-Grandfather of Richard's Polocrosse playing daughters).

When this Club was disbanded in the early 1970's, the Mt Rosa Polocrosse Club was formed by Peter, John and Anthony Drummond, Lawrie Stanton, Ben Mentz, Nigel Slevin and Giel von Benecke. The first field was at Inverugie on the Highflats Road and was later transferred to Ifafa, where the Drummonds live .

Additional interested players, Leigh Giles, Roland de Chazal, Rory Sherring, Donald Main amongst others joined the Club, which now meant Mt Rosa could partake in tournaments as they had enough players and reserves.

The team started playing in various tournaments, in the lower divisions and managed to work their way up the ranks. They travelled far and wide gaining experience, both on the field and off. One highlight was playing in the Harrismith Tournament where the team won the main prize of R5 000. Great celebrations followed as Mt Rosa knew how to celebrate properly.

The team was known for their robust play and it was no secret that the Drummond brothers had to stand separately between chukkas as there were fiery discussions amongst them – especially as to who played in which position. Once on the field, the brothers got on with the game.

Mt Rosa had a wealth of “mini supporters”, some of whom, particularly the Slevin sons and our 2 sons went on to play and enjoy Polocrosse for many years. Some still playing with their children.

Although Mt Rosa never went on to win major Tournaments, it was a very enthusiastic team. Sadly once players moved away, the Club didn't attract enough new players to make it viable.

Giel went on to join the KwaMbonambi Polocrosse Club which was well supported. This is where we all came to know and love George Rautenbach on his horse, Whisky. George was an institution in Polocrosse circles and together with his wife, Mary, fully supported the Club and their son and daughter who loved the game.

Giel's final Polocrosse game took place at a tournament at Bishopstowe in the late 1980's. Bill van Lyleveld was in the opposing team and rein pulling and elbowing went on in the lineout – next minute we saw Bill and Giel off their horses, chasing one another around the field. Giel was left with a full impression of Bill's net on his cheek. All arguments were settled in the Club house after the game and Giel decided there and then that that would be his final game.



The players in the Mt Rosa Polocrosse Team photo are : L to R : Lawrie Stanton, John Drummond, Peter Drummond, Ben Mentz, Anthony Drummond and Giel von Benecke



Mt Rosa Team Practice on the original field at Inverugie

FROM THE JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S DESK—KAREN COCKER

Hi Everyone!

We have been so lucky to get some great junior polocrosse in this season, with the Junior Classic, Bethal tournament, Natal Champs, Gauteng Champs, Bishopstowe Tournament, the Presidents Cup, the two junior development tours and the Shongweni High Goal. Our juniors of all ages and strengths have had many opportunities to play so far this year and have really out done themselves. Thank you to all the organisers, coaches, parents and tournament hosts who have made all of these tournaments possible.

Junior Development Tour against Zimbabwe—Underberg

Before I go any further, I would like to thank all the sponsors. Without sponsors we would not be able to run such wonderful events. Thank you to Fire Hawk for sponsoring the players kit for the outgoing and incoming tours, Berg Dairies for the cocktail party and to all our other sponsors - Stoney Way Cottages, Falcon Ridge Brahman, LT Earth Movers, Sani Springs, Underberg Meat Supply, RPM Contractors, Pin Oak Cottage, Zoetis, Underberg Spar, Bombers, JM Irrigation, Vova Genetics, Forge Agri and Build, Tip Top Milk Racing.



The aim of the junior development tours is to develop those up and coming juniors who need a little more exposure to reach their full potential. It has never been about winning the tournament, but more about making sure every player has a horse that they are comfortable on and that they are coached and given an opportunity to improve and experience playing polocrosse against another country. Pasa sent 12 players to Bulawayo earlier this year and we in turn invited Zim to come to South Africa, we hosted this event over the 19th and 20th June 2021 at the Underberg Polocrosse Club. The players who went to Zim were given the first option to put their names down to play again, not all of them could play and we asked for Pasa members to submit names of juniors wanting to play and the balance of the teams were chosen from those names.

Our girls side -Tristan Van Der Walt, Chloe Hatch, Fiona Lin, Jeanique Roodman, Stacey Wheeler and Megan Thomson

Our Boys side – Lance Price Moor, Andrew Lynn, Liam Classen, Sven Bunge, Paulo De Franko (captain) and James Taylor

It was an interesting build up to the event, we often felt it was never going to actually happen, however the Zimbabweans had complete faith and all purchased their air tickets and committed to the tour. We had snow falling on the mountains all around Underberg and we also had the increasing third wave of covid bearing down on us at a rapid rate, but against all odds the Underberg polocrosse community were adamant that the show would go on and they certainly made it happen under the very capable, efficient guidance of Melissa and Trace Price Moor.



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FROM THE JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S DESK—KAREN COCKER

Junior Development Tour against Zimbabwe—Underberg (continued)

So many sponsors came forward, official programmes were designed and printed, accommodation was secured, the polocrosse club house was repainted and redecorated to an interior design magazine standard - it looked absolutely beautiful. New toilets were built, the horse pens were upgraded and the polocrosse fields were in perfect condition. The Zimbabwean team arrived at Durban airport on Thursday evening, they all jumped onto a bus, the Price Moor family sent their manager down with a panel van to collect all the luggage and deliver a very large cooler box full of refreshments for the players and their parents as we all know how thirsty polocrosse parents can get! A caterer even met the team at the airport and supplied them with a meal and padkos for the journey.

The journey to Underberg went smoothly and we were met at 10pm by a very cheerful group of South Africans at the fields. Soon after arrival the Zimbabweans were all delivered to their sponsored accommodation and just handed car keys by very generous Underberg members. There was an incredible feeling of "Ubuntu", I cannot thank the Price Moor family, the Underberg polocrosse and Underberg residents for all they did for this tour.

As this was a development tour and not an official test match, the horses were not put into pools. The South African players had the luxury of choosing which horse they wanted to play and then they lent their second horse to the Zimbabwean team. The Underberg polo and polocrosse communities, as well as PASA members from further afield, very kindly sent horses for the Zimbabweans who eventually had 27 horses to pick from. The Zimbabweans tried out their horses on Friday and managed to find a horse that suited each player. Thank you to all the PASA community who sent horses for this tournament.

On Friday night we had a meet and greet cocktail evening at The Old Duck, kindly sponsored by Berg Dairies, where our teams were officially introduced by our SA Coach Gavin and Zim Coach and Zim Polocrosse President, Squacky Whaley. There were the usual speeches and bad jokes, however we learnt a little about the history of polocrosse between Zim and SA. Our first games against each other started as far back as 1968. There is a strong relationship between our two countries and it is very important to help rebuild polocrosse in Zimbabwe.

We woke up to a frosty, misty Saturday morning, but by 9am the sun was out and we were blessed with beautiful weather for the weekend. The games were live streamed and photographed by the Gilson family and we had a wonderful commentator, Gwyn Viljoen, who kept us all entertained with his commentary and his 80's music playlist!

Thank you to all the umpires who travelled all the way just to help us. Thank you to our PASA president, Dr Manfred Rohwer for supporting us.

We had two days of great polocrosse, the SA Boys won all three games. The Zimbabwean boys improved throughout the weekend and only let the last game slip in their last chukka. The South African girls won their first two games and the Zimbabweans won the last game by one goal. As organisers of this event we feel that we achieved exactly what we had set out to do. Thank you to all the parents who have supported and encouraged us.

A special thank you to all our ladies who did the horse co-ordinating, Jenny Fith, Zoe Lambert, Amy Cocker and Brenda Crawford. It's a thankless job but an international, official or unofficial, cannot happen without horse co-ordinators. It was an incredible weekend, and we hope to continue building junior polocrosse in Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa so there will be a future for our wonderful sport.

BEST PLAYER—Sponsored by BOMBERS

Ladies	Men
Best no 1 Chloe Hatch	Sven Bunge
Best no 2 Lizay Muller (Zim)	Keegan Mannix (Zim)
Best no 3 Fiona Lin	Liam Classen

GOLDEN PONY AWARDS

Ladies	Men
ZOOT	ART
Owned by Ian Penderis and ridden by Fiona Lin	Owned by Brenda Crawford and ridden by Bevan Kanjee (Zim)

The Marriott High Goal (25th—27th June 2021)

Once again the Shongweni Polocrosse club put on a world class high goal event. Congratulations to their Chairman Brent Von Benecke and their secretary Sam Heynes and to their title sponsor Marriott. Unfortunately due to covid



there were only a few international players from Zimbabwe and Zambia. Although we missed seeing our international players this year, there was a huge positive for our local polocrosse as there were more opportunities for our local players to play in the High Goal. As the Junior President I was so excited to see a few of our junior players get the opportunity to play in the high goal for the first time.

I would like to congratulate our PASA juniors. From the U19's we had Megan Hatch and Andrew Lynn, the U16's were represented by Amy Cocker, Lauren Heynes and Hylton Choice and we had one U14 – Olivia King. All these juniors played incredibly well and congratulations to Amy Cocker for winning Man of the match in one of her games and to Lauren Heynes for winning best number one overall and for also winning golden pony with her incredible pony, Cupcake. A great weekend for our juniors and for developing African polocrosse!

The 2021 Presidents Cup—Junior Division

Thank you to all the juniors who entered this awesome tournament, the 28 U19 players were divided up into four equal teams and played a round robin. We asked parents to manage and coach these teams this weekend as most of our senior players and coaches were also playing in the tournament. The tournament was a great success and we felt our junior teams were very even. Before play on Sunday morning every team had won one game and lost won game so it was still possible for any of the four teams to actually win the tournament and it came down to a goal count in the end – always great when the competition is so close.

The winning team was appropriately named The Untouchables, it was made up of Che Davis (Captain), Christopher Thornhill, Stacey Wheeler, Ella King, Tom Lynn, Lance Price Moor and Kendra Thomson. The coach was Trace Price Moor and the manager was Kerry Lynn.

Runners up were Linton Farm – Keara Matheus (captain), Abbey Hackland, Megan Thomson, Tristan Van Der Walt, Troy Brande, Luke Brande and Grace De Franca. They were coached by Jean Hackland and managed by Paul Brande.

The U19 golden pony was awarded to Mayhem and Abbey Hackland.



Natal Champs—Junior Division

We had a great response from our u14 players who were put into four equal teams. This is not always an easy task as we try and give every player, from beginner to slightly more advanced, an opportunity to gain confidence and to enjoy their game against players in their age group, all the juniors played in the spirit of the game and a great weekend of polocrosse was had by all. Thank you again to all the parents that supported us and made this division a success.

Bishopstowe Turnabout Tournament

The Bishopstowe Polocrosse club once again held their annual Turnabout Tournament on 29/30th May 2021.

The tournament was well supported, from the Future Stars through to the A Division, including a few players who played their very first polocrosse tournament. The games were of a high standard and there was lots of positive feedback about the tournament from players and spectators. All the games were played in good spirit and sportsmanship. A highlight of course was the prize giving, where an abundance of prizes were to be won, thanks to our generous sponsors. A fun tournament all round.

The prize winners were as follows:

A division:

Championship Winners- Team BOVASOL

(Gavin Cocker, John Rae, Amy Cocker and Michelle Louw)

Runners Up- The Horsebox

(James Hackland, Jean Hackland, Leigh Higgs and Nikita Gilks)

Handicap Winners- Team Frosties Farm Fresh Produce

(Brent von Benecke, Chad von Benecke, Hylton Choice and Paulo De Franca)

Runners Up- RSI

(Ashleigh Shaw, Gordon Shaw, Glen Haldane and Ruben Vorster)

MVP: Chad von Benecke

Golden Pony: Leigh Higgs and Pretty Penny

B division:

Winners- Team HOMEWOOD

(Brad Kent, Chad von Benecke, Glen Haldane and LJ vd Nest)

Runners up- Team WEDGEWOOD Crafted Confectionery

(Caroline Minnaar, Ange Schoeman, Andrew vd Walt and Leigh Higgs)

3rd Place- Truelove

(Ian Lynn, Aiden Lynn, Andrew Lynn and Stacey Wheeler)

4th Place- CAC

(Debbie Dick, Noel Bauer, Karen Cocker and Tom Lynn)

MVP: Leigh Higgs

Golden Pony: Leigh Higgs and Rhapsody

C division:

Winners- Team BON Natural Oils

(Nicola van Aswegen, Lambert vd Nest, Abbey Hackland and Ian Pendaris)

Runners up- Team GPS (Glass Fibre Products)

(Sophie Witthoft, Michelle Witthoft, Brent von Benecke and Andrew Thompson)

3rd Place- Equi Services

(Belinda Dunford, Adam Moray, Derrick Matojola and Fiona Lin)

4th Place- Village Feeds

(Richard Hatch, Quinton Wheeler, Attie vd Nest and Rudi Vorster)

MVP: Fiona Lin

Golden Pony: Abbey Hackland and Mayhem

D division:

Winners- Team Blue (Ashleigh Shaw, Colby Wheeler and Ross Haldane)

Runners up- Team Pink (Michelle Louw, Stacey Wheeler and Daniel Haldane)

3rd Place- Team Green (Amy Witthoft, Sophie Witthoft and Debbie Dick)

4th Place- Team Yellow (Carrine, Lyle Wheeler and Michelle Witthoft)

MVP: Lyle Wheeler

Golden Pony: Daniel Haldane and DT

