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SA POLOCROSSE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY '23



NEW YEAR NEW POSSIBILITIES

2023 is already in full swing and I'd like to take the opportunity to wish our Polocrosse family an awesome year. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a great season, with a calendar showing a bumper packed few months, with many great playing opportunities across the board. Be sure to plan as to not miss out on your favourite tournaments.

Off the back of a good season in 2022, we have a lot to build on and look forward to in 2023. Some changes to the norm with tournaments such as Junior Classic moving to a bit later in the year, as well as numerous Classics and Invitational tournaments, which bring a different level of play and excitement to the field. That being said, we'd also want to urge our members to continue supporting our club tournaments. These events and club players are key to ensuring growth of the sport and our player base. We need to encourage and be committed to the strengthening of what is ultimately the base of PASA.

With the entire country receiving lovely rain recently, it adds a few challenges to our season prep. Please do your best to counter the increase in midges, flies and hoof conditions as a result of the continuous wet conditions. On a positive, I am sure our steeds are all "well rounded" after an off season in the resulting lush pastures. Let's keep building our horse power, spending time on fitness and quality training to grow our horse standard ever higher.

To the Executive Team that have been working hard in the background throughout the off season – I wish you well for the new year and challenges that are presented. There is a lot keeping us busy in our efforts to keep the 2023 season running successfully, while giving some needed focus on the planning of the 2024 World Cup. Thank you to all of you for your time, effort, and commitment to ensure that we do the best we can for PASA and our members.

From a coaching perspective, Henry Harris and the team have already been working hard for the season to give players of all levels the opportunity to be exposed to the vast knowledge and expertise we are lucky enough to have in our community. Gavin Cocker will be in the Eastern Cape at the lovely new Swartvlei Equestrian Estate venue early this season where he will be coaching and assisting our Eastern Cape players. Be sure to stay in contact and make the most of these opportunities to learn from our coaching team.

With the 2024 Polocrosse World Cup around the corner, we will need to lean on our entire Polocrosse family for support. It would be great to have everyone involved in this prestigious event and encourage you to get involved at any level to contribute to the success of the tournament. If you wish to be part of it, you can get in touch with the PASA Executive, and they will direct you to the responsible point of contact.

Thank you to all our members for your continued commitment to our sport and we wish you an awesome season full of fun and great tournaments.

Regards

Toit



YOUR PASA TEAM



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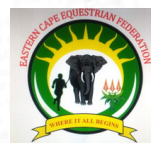
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PASA FEES 2023

Affiliation fees for 2023

- R 1380 (U19 - MASTERS)
- R 1330 (U16 - U18)
- R 750 (U12 - U14)
- R 0 (U8)
- R 400 (TRANSFORMATION + DEVELOPMENT)
- R 630.00 (SOCIAL)
- R 150.00 (TECHNICAL)

PASA Bank Details

Polocrosse Association of South Africa

Nedbank

Account no: 1349074586

Ref: Name -Affiliations 2023

Forward POP to admin@polocrosse.co.za

Non competitive SAEF rate of R200.00 once off will cover social members for two PASA Tournaments together with the R80.00 PASA fee per tournament for PASA.

Thereafter and for any Provincial/ National Tournament both SAEF and PASA fees will need to be topped up to the full fee.

All fees will be strictly applied..

Payment either self or club secretary on the new System.



➔ UPDATING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PASA SYSTEM

When renewing your membership, please update your affiliation category should it be necessary. The invoice generated on the system will show the full 2023 fees applicable. Please make payment according to the above rate. Use your invoice number and name as reference on your proof of payment, and upload to the system. PASA will allocate the payment status accordingly.

➔ UPDATING HORSE PROFILES AND VACCINATIONS ON THE SYSTEM

Just a few IMPORTANT things to get done by all members by 28 Feb 2023.

1. All horses details and vaccinations need to be updated by the end of February by the owner/player.
2. Thereafter any changes need to be done by the PASA SECRETARY. A request needs to be submitted by the owner with all details emailed or via Whatsapp. NOT TELEPHONICALLY.
3. The present AHS vaccination protocols need to be applied. (See the latest SAEF Vaccine communication sent out.)

To confirm that the Fluvac regulation remains the same. Every 365 days and not closer than 7 days to the event. If the 365 days have lapsed or no primary course has ever been given this needs to be corrected.





2023

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JANUARY						1	** UPDATE Horse & Player details on the PASA System ** Make sure SAEF, CLUB, Prov & PASA Affiliation fees are sorted ** Budget and plan your Exciting POLOCROSSE Year ** Any admin problems please contact PASA office to assist. (admin@polocrosse.co.za)
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MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN

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MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN

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JULY						1	2	*1-2 JNR CLASSICS Bishopstowe *14-16 SA CLUB CHAMPS - Elandslaagte *29/30 Shongweni
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AUGUST		1	2	3	4	5	6	*5&6 - GP,NW,MP Champs - *12/13 Underburg *26/27 Walkerville
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SEPTEMBER					1	2	3	*9/10 NW Classic Vryburg *30/1 Cape Classic
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OCTOBER						1		*1 Cape Classic *7/8 Cape Classic
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February



WHAT IS HAPPENING?

U M P I R E S

Rules !!

CLINIC

Venue: @ Cammelot Equestrian Club Potchefstroom

25 February 2023
Starts at 08:00

Rules!!

- Bring own horses.
- This will be a Theory and Practical Clinic.
- Presented: Steve Rault
- Fees R180 - Snacks included.

Enquiries and Entries:
Sanet Britz: 084 5166 120
sbritz75@gmail.com

PE POLOCROSSE CLUB PRESENTS

SKILLS CLINIC

Gavin Cocker

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MARCH

COACHING CLINIC
Ngwenya Polocrosse Club

14 & 15 March
All levels of players welcome
Ramp per player for the weekend
Catering available
Horses may stay over at the club

Contact: Camille van der Merwe
Head Coach - Henry Horne/National Ladies Coach

BETHAL POLOCROSSE TOURNAMENT

Join Us
11 & 12 March 2023

Contact:
Elri - 082 823 8006
Tilanie - 082 897 7722

TOURNAMENT INFO:

- ALL ENTRIES VIA PASA ONLINE SYSTEM
- A DIVISION SECTIONS MAXIMUM COMBINED HANDICAP OF 20

NYATI TOURNAMENT 2023

25/26 MARCH

CATTLE PENS AVAILABLE (CAN MAKE YOUR OWN)
CAMPING AREA - NO ELECTRICITY

MULTI HORSE (2 HORSES/GAME)
R500/PLAYER (DINNER INCLUDED, R50 FOR NON-PLAYERS)

FREE ROLLS & SOUP FRIDAY - HALF PRICE BAR

SECTIONS TOURNAMENT

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SAVE THE DATE!

KZN LADIES CLINIC 2023

WHEN 4 & 5 MARCH

WHERE BISHOPSTOWE

POLOCROSSE CLUB KZN

KZN POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION

WHO IS THIS MAN, PETER CHOICE?

BY SAM HEYNES

Pete is an amazing man, friend and horse breeder whom has made my family very happy. We are honoured to be great friends with himself, Karen, Laken, Hylton Choice. He is someone who I look up to greatly and admire immensely and am truly honoured to have been asked to interview him after his gracious donation of yet another horse to raffle for the upcoming 2024 World Cup.

Thank you very much.
Sam Heynes



Andrew & Lauren Heynes



Sam Heynes



WHO IS THIS MAN, PETER CHOICE?

BY SAM HEYNES



Pete is a whole 67 years young and has four older sisters and a younger brother back in Australia. So his family know "a lot about breeding" and here is his story...

When did you start playing polocrosse?

I started playing in 1973. I did not play my first polocrosse game till I was 18 years old. I had been involved with pony clubs and horse sporting days, from a very young age though.

When did you move to SA from Australia?

I toured SA and Zimbabwe in 1993 and was asked to come back to coach in SA in early 1994 and moved to SA in October 1994 and have just stayed.

Did you ever coach a SA or Australian team?

I coached extensively in Australia, but never coached a national team.

I coached the first SA ladies' team to beat ZIM ladies' team in ZIM. I also coached SA a men's and mixed team in 2000 in New Zealand, that was victorious.

What made you bring over Edenhope Bundy and what was your vision for him? What was Darryl Smith's involvement in bringing over the stallion from Australia?

When I played here in SA in 1993, Darryl Smith and I discussed what would happen if we brought some of our best Australian Stock Horse stallions here and crossed with the SA thoroughbred mares because in Australia they do not have access to the quality thoroughbred mares that are available to the South Africa public. The reason being their racing systems are different. I was in constant contact with Darryl Smith and many horses were talked about, but neither of us could agree on the same horse. In the end I asked him, could I not buy one of his resident stallions that he had at the time, and he agreed. .

He had 2 stallions at the time, both by the same sire who were sired by a horse that was by The Gun. One was out of a mare called Betty Jane, arguably one of the best mares that ever looked through a bridle and the other out of a daughter of Betty Jane, a mare called Miracle. She was sired by Star Black Minstrel, who was the sire of the two best horses I played in Australia, mainly Krystle & Salamagundi.



Peter Choice

I said I wanted the one out of the daughter, not the one out of the mother.

9 out of 10 people would have taken the one out of the mother, Darryl included.

*So when I went to Australia to see him, I rode him and played him and he was everything I had anticipated, plus more. I immediately paid for him and waited at Darryl's farm, till **Bundy** left the farm and was in quarantine.*

I did not want him to change his mind. I was probably the first person to play a Star Black Minstrel horse, & I saw and felt the same in Bundy when I rode him! Exactly what I felt in Krystle and Salamagundi too. Tony Higgs & myself became friends after I toured SA in 1993. He actually owned one of the first horses I played here when I relocated to SA. A mare called Immigration. After many braai's & beers, Tony & I decided to look for a stallion to import. Tony & Leigh Higgs rode Bundy initially in Australia when they toured with the u16 team. Belinda Sandwith was instrumental in the contracts for the syndicate at the time Bundy arrived.



WHO IS THIS MAN, PETER CHOICE?

How many horses has Bundy sired?

Bundy has sired over 150 horses since coming to South Africa.

What makes Bundy's different (your personal opinion?)

What makes Bundy's progeny different in my opinion, is their trainable temperament, soft mouths and their "never say die" attitude. Bundy's progeny have a unique stamp that is generally visible in all his progeny.

How many Bundy customers have a whole stable of them and where have most of the Bundy's gone, are they only in SA

There are lots of people with Bundy's but there are a few stables that basically have just Bundy's most notable. Heynes's (Cupcake, Essence, Rebel, Majelis, Under Cover, Socks, Secret Touch, Knuckles and recently, Iceberg Gold) Danie & Kirsten Swan from Zimbabwe (Ice Maiden, DJ, Miss Disco, Flight and Khaleesi) and Andy "Crunchie" Baker (Snap Dragon, Zig Zag, Love Game & now Trump) Higgs's (Passion, Tess, Sailor Man, Pretty Penny, Echo, Impi, Secret, Rhapsody, Calypso, Prink Promise) Cocker Family (French Kiss, GT, the legendary Thomas, 50 Shades, Romance, Jerry, Big Spender, Whisper, WigWam, Sweet Talk, Champion, Belami, Czar, PunchLine)

There have been many exported to Zambia namely Bolt, FoxGlove, Northern light, Helios and PlayGirl to England for polo.

What other progeny does Bundy have, what other stallions have there been since Bundy?

Unfortunately Bundy has passed on in December 2020, but has left a few colts to carry on his amazing breed. Most notably in these are Icelander, who sadly also passed on in 2019 tragically. Sugar Daddy who is a full brother to Trump. Chilli Bun, owned by The Soal family. And a very exciting young colt called Game Changer, that was conceived with frozen semen, at our farm.

Do you have any straws/Semen from Bundy still available or any other stallions from Bundy?

We are fortunate enough to have frozen semen from both Bundy and Icelander, which I have limited straws available. I also have frozen semen from Sugar Daddy whose progeny I have just started to be broken in, which I'm immensely excited about.

How does it feel to have bred such a renowned breed in SA, was this always your dream?

What do you think the Bundy breed has brought to SA Polocrosse, has the game changed?

When I first started breeding with Bundy, I thought he could revolutionize my horses that I was breeding with. But never imagined the impact that he has had on the horses that have been bred by him. I feel very proud and rewarded that Bundy has set a new and high standard of horses, that I think have changed the game positively for South Africa

Does your son Hylton wish to continue breeding horses like you have done, has he got a vested interest in what you've started?

My son Hylton, is only now just realizing the impact these horses have had on his game and is appreciating what potential this breed has. I am currently flushing embryos from Bundy mares with imported semen that has Star Black Minstrel genetics in. I can only hope Hylton will carry on with the breeding program when I can no longer as the best are probably not born yet. This has been a lifetime of passion and careful genetic selection in this breeding program and it would be a shame if nobody carried this on, but I'm sure Hylton is heading in the direction to carry on with it



Peter & Bundy



Hylton & Bundy



Peter & Hylton

WHO IS THIS MAN, PETER CHOICE?

What happened to the last horse “Flight” from the World Cup 2015 raffle, where is it now and who owns it?

The raffle horse “Flight” that was raffled at the 2015 World Cup, and was won by a Zimbabwean. It was then purchased by Danie and Kirsten Swan and has turned out to be one of their best horses. Flight has won numerous best pony prizes and also competed at our own High Goal’s and won an individual prize.

What is the breeding of the raffle horse for the World Cup 2024?

We are raffling another filly from this great breed of Edenhope Bundy.

She is a grey filly born in August 2021, sired by Sugar Daddy out of Cover Girl.

Cover Girl played at the 2015 world cup. Cover Girl is a sibling to such notable horses as Tee Pee, Dakota, Jasmine and Polka Dot. Cover Girl won many individual prizes with the Caley Higgs playing her, she also won best number 3 pony at the International series with Ella Myers (Aus) playing her. This filly is a lovely type; we will be looking for a name for her in the near future and a new home for her after the 2024 World Cup draw. A few good judges have handpicked this filly, as the pick of the bunch. So here is your chance to own one of these treasures!

How excited are you about the upcoming World Cup, are you happy to be involved?

I am looking forward to the upcoming 2024 World Cup and wish all the players competing the very best and hope you enjoy riding some of Bundy’s progeny...



Sugar Daddy

Bundy

The MAN: PETER CHOICE

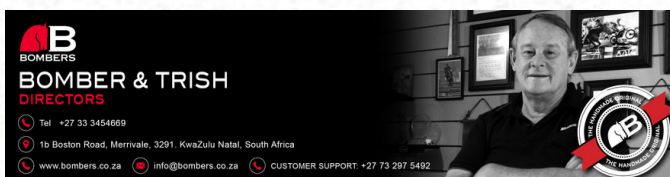
JUNIORS.....

SA U16 Touring Australia - Junior Test Series 21st - 23 April 2023

The juniors are working hard with Coach Graham MacLarty to get ready for the upcoming tour.
The team would like to give a BIG shout out of thanks to the amazing Sponsors for supporting them and making dreams come true.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

From Team SA u16



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FIRE CHAWK



COMPETITION TIME!!!!

PRIZE: ENTRY FEES TO 2023 JUNIOR CLASSICS

We are looking for a "Cool & Motivational" Slogan for our 2023 Junior Classics shirts!
Send your "Cool" Slogan in to admin@polocrosse.co.za
BEFORE: 15 MARCH 2023



JUNIOR CLASSICS!

2023

COOL

BIRTHDAYS.....

January February

1- Jessica Steyn
1- Maxine Wright
1- Mia Le Roux
2- Jonathan Thornhill
3- Emma Hall
4- Clarissa Olckers
5- Brooklyn Hofman
7- Anthony Ward
7- Dick Wheeler
8- Helene Steenkamp
9- James Hackland
9- Kent Wicks
9- Senna Viljoen
14- Amy Witthoft
14- Megan Hatch
16- Stacey Wheeler
17- Chris Kritzinger
17- Natalie Maclarty
17- Tamryn Redgrave
18- Andrew Heynes
18- Paulo De Franca
18- Stefan Harris
19- Eduard Vonmoltke
20- Jessica Gilson
21- Tessa Grace Fortmann
22- Eleanor Vorster
22- Louise De Goede
23- Dudley Anderson
23- Michele Louw
24- Ashleigh Vernall
24- George Schabort
25- Jaqueline Janse Van Rensburg
25- Michelle Gouws
26- Zc Jonsson
27- Mia Taylor

1-Ryno Beukes
3-Gael Beaufils
3-Linmari Cloete
5-Che Van Heerden
5-Emma Dick
5-Jill Wheeler
7-Tristan Van Der Walt
10-Madelie Nieuwoudt
11-Cara Robinson
11-Ella King
11-Hannes Van Aswegen
11-Hazel Stanley
11-Lee Hawkins
12-Christopher Wood
12-Jemimah Heron
13-Ruben Vorster
15-Fiona Lin
16-Courtney Odell
16-Evette Gemmill
16-Mia Van Aardt
16-Sophie Erskine
16-Tanya Kragolsen-cryer
17-Frans Geldenhuys
19-Lambert Van Der Nest
20-Adriana Toit
21-Camilla Harris
21-Chloe Stanley
22-Antonie Cilliers
22-Elri De Jager
23-Kellie Uphof
23-Nqobile Mdluli
24-Christopher Thornhill
24-James George Taylor
24-Tr Visser
25-Hannes Botha
25-Hylton Choice
25-Peter Buys
26-Cristy Chapman
26-Ian Lynn
26-Jake Shaw
26-Malan Marais
26-Samantha Hewitson
26-Shane Mansfield
28-John Rae
28-Patrick O'sullivan

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

