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Message from our Vice-President: Francois Du Toit

Reflecting on the 2023 season, it's heart-warming to see another successful year wrap up, marked by memorable moments and significant achievements all round. 2023 was enriched with new friendships and the rekindling of old ones, and growth in many aspects throughout the country.

This season was a showcase of talent and spirit, with numerous players stepping up to demonstrate their skills and "rise to the occasion" on many opportunities. Their performances, and accolades to their clubs, were a testament to the strength and vitality in our polocrosse community, highlighting both our past players, our seasoned players as well as our up and coming talent.

It was amazing to have the Elandslaagte fields and facility back this year. A special note of thanks goes to the Nyati club for revitalizing this significant addition to our PASA calendar. Additionally, the new clubhouse at Walkerville and their successful hosting of an international tournament was a commendable milestone, following in the footsteps of Ngwenya in developing the sporting facilities in the province. Special recognition goes to the Potch Polocrosse club for the growth of their dynamic club and the exciting prospect of a new venue next year.

These developments reflect our collective dedication to nurturing and expanding our beloved sport. Maintaining and supporting our venues and tournaments nationwide is crucial for our sport's development, despite challenges like travel costs and time. Let's do our best to keep the PASA local calendar running well in 2024, and support the various developing venues in the country. The upcoming year is particularly significant as we host the World Cup at Shongweni. The next couple of months are crucial and will present an incredible opportunity for us to rally behind our World Cup team and the organizing committee, who deserve our full support. I encourage everyone to actively participate in the initiatives surrounding the World Cup to make this a world-class event in 2024. #GetInvolved

My heartfelt thanks to all the parents, players, selectors, coaches, managers, and executive members who have contributed tirelessly to making the 2023 season a resounding success. As we give our ponies a well-deserved rest, let's also take time to enjoy the festive season with our families. Here's to a safe, joyous break and an even more thrilling 2024 season of Polocrosse.

See you soon for 2024 Polocrosse season.

Kind regards



From the Junior Presidents Desk - Karen Cocker

Dear Junior Players,

I trust your exams were a success, and your faithful horses have enjoyed a well-deserved break. As we eagerly await the 2024 season, I'm filled with excitement at the thought of seeing each one of you back on the field, ready to ride and play the sport we all love.

In these intervening moments, keep your passion alive by riding and practicing Polocrosse. Let every moment with your pony be one of kindness and care. Remember, when you give your horse the care and attention they deserve, they'll reward you with their wholehearted devotion.

As the holiday season approaches, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. May Christmas be a time of abundant family love, joyous moments, and unforgettable fun. Cherish these moments surrounded by your loved ones, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Your dedication to Polocrosse is inspiring, and I'm excited to witness the incredible journeys that lie ahead for each of you in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!

Yours in Polocrosse,

Karen Cocker
Junior President



Meet the 2024 South African World Cup Team



Jan Albert Steenkamp
(Captain)



Stefan Harris



Chad von Benecke



Joshua Le Roux



Jacquie Minnaar



Lauren Heynes



Amy Cocker



Olivia King



Henry Harris
Coach: Ladies Team



James Hackland
Coach: Mens Team



Jean Hackland
Manager



Get Behind Your Team #GetInvolved

In every team, whether it's your workplace squad or your local sports heroes, there's an undeniable magic when everyone rallies together. It's not just about showing up; it's about rolling up your sleeves and diving into the action. When you're part of a team, your involvement fuels the collective energy that propels everyone forward.

PASA's raffle project is in full swing, boasting incredible prizes that will undoubtedly get your heart racing. We're thrilled to announce a lineup that includes a Bundy Filly, a dreamy Holiday in Mozambique, the coveted Gordon Shaw Saddle, a Bomber Bit, and an extravagant 3-night stay for 6 at the picturesque Castleburn Resort nestled in the Drakensberg.

1st Prize: A Bundy/Sugar Daddy Filly - **UPTOWN GIRL**.

2nd Prize: 4 Nights stay for 8 at Casa Quenta in Vilancolous, Mozambique, including 2 staff & 2 × Half Day fishing/snorkeling & Island Hopping charters with Big Blue (Value at R35k).

3rd Prize: 3 nights stay for 6 at Castleburn Resort, Drakensberg.

4th Prize: A Gordon Shaw Stock Saddle.

5th Prize: A Packaged Bomber Bit.

This incredible initiative wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Their commitment to backing our team and Polocrosse South Africa is truly commendable. It's their belief in our mission that fuels our passion for the sport and pushes us to strive for excellence.

To take part in this thrilling opportunity and stand a chance to win these remarkable prizes, get in touch with **Ashleigh Shaw on 0748916657** to secure your raffle tickets. Your support goes a long way in bolstering our efforts and ensuring the growth and success of our polocrosse community.

For those interested in becoming sponsors, we have tailor-made sponsorship packages available. Reach out to us at admin@polocrosse.co.za for more details on how you can be a part of our journey and contribute to the thriving world of Polocrosse.

Let's unite behind our team, embrace the spirit of camaraderie, and make this raffle project an overwhelming success! Your involvement and support mean the world to us.

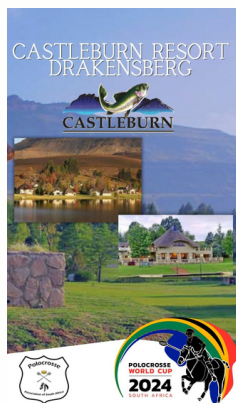
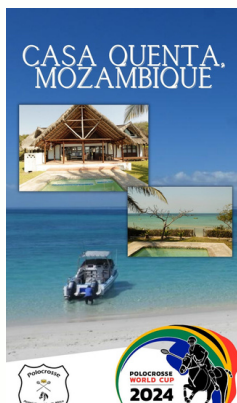
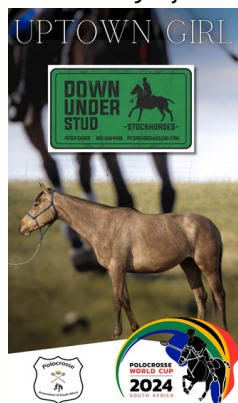
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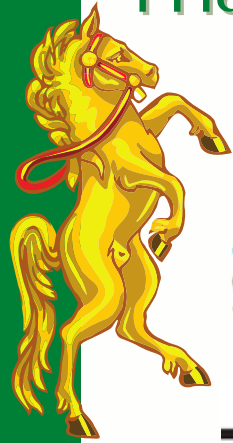
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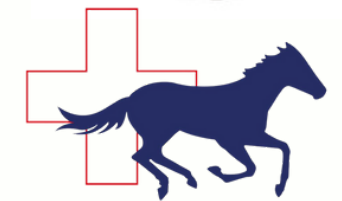
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Dear Polocrosse Community,

As we gather around the festive season, our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy for the incredible journey we've shared throughout the year. The spirit of Christmas serves as a beautiful reminder of the bonds we've forged, the triumphs we've celebrated, and the unwavering passion we all share for the exhilarating sport of Polocrosse.



Reflecting on the year gone by, we've witnessed remarkable achievements within our community, from the outstanding performances of our U14, U16, U21, and U25 players during their tours, to the eagerly awaited announcement of the World Cup Team. Each accomplishment speaks volumes about the dedication, skill, and unity that define the essence of Polocrosse.

Looking ahead to the future, the excitement continues to build as we prepare for the upcoming World Cup, set to take place in Shongweni from July 15 to 28, 2024. This prestigious event promises to be a culmination of passion, talent, and sportsmanship on a global stage. As we eagerly anticipate this momentous occasion, let us come together to support not only our phenomenal World Cup Team but also the dedicated organizing team working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a resounding success.

Christmas, with its spirit of togetherness, family, and friends, provides us with a moment to reflect on the love in our lives that we may sometimes take for granted. May the true meaning of the holiday season fill your homes with warmth, laughter, and countless blessings.

On behalf of the PASA executive, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all our members, their families, and friends for a Blessed and Safe Christmas. Let the joy of the season linger in your hearts, and may the coming year bring even more opportunities for growth, camaraderie, and success on and around the Polocrosse field.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in 2024, as we continue to create memories and write new chapters in the rich tapestry of our Polocrosse Community.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rochelle Thornhill

Secretary - Polocrosse Association of South Africa



FIXTURES

February 2024

- 16-28 Social Tournament Underburg
World Cup fundraiser

March 2024

- 4/5 - Nyati Social Tournament
- 16/17 - Walkerville Social Tournament & WC Fundraising event
- 23/24 - Ladies Clinic (Bishopstowe)
- 29-31 - TWK Bethal and Social Tournament

April 2024

- 13/14 - Bishopstowe Social & SA vs Barbarian Team
- 20/21 - Picnic @ Shongweni
- 27/28 - Underburg/ PE Tournament

May 2024



- 4/5 - GP Champs - Ngwena
- 18/19 - Pres. Cup No1 - Bishopstowe
- 27/28 - WC Team Tour to Zim

July 2024

- **15-28 : WORLD CUP**
Durban/Shongweni



June 2024 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- 1/2 - KZN Champs - Elandslaagte - Nyati
- 14-16 - Jnr Classic - Bishopstowe

August 2024



- 3/4 PE Tournament
- 10/11 Walkerville/ Underburg
- 23-25 SA Club Champs : Ngwenya



September 2024



- 7/8 NW Classic -Huhudi Vryburg
- 21-23 IPT Bethal
- 28-29 Cape Classics

October 2024

- 5-6 Potch



Birthdays December 2023



December

2-Sanet De Villiers
2-Paula MacLarty
3-Owen Holland
3-Tilanie Groenewald
5-Sarah Dix-peek
5-Lara Orpwood
5-Beth MacLarty
6-Tayla Von Benecke
8-Holly Mckenzie
9-Lauren Kuhn
9-Jenna Brink
10-Dale Taylor
10-Shakes Mokheseng Suping
10-Ross Haldane
11-Noel Wilson
11-Richard Reid
11-Nicholas King
12-Nicholas De Jong
13-Megan Thomson
14-Andrew Thomson
15-Druan Meyer
15-Joshua Joubert
17-Colby Wheeler
18-Stuart Odell
19-Mark Scott
19-Johanna Botha
19-Megan Frost
20-Manfred Rohwer
22-Noel Bauer
22-Brenda Crawford
23-Nkululeko Ngcobo
24-Chante Van Der Walt
25-Heinrich Roland Fortmann
27-Kayla Heynes
28-Mike Kidson



Happy Birthday!

