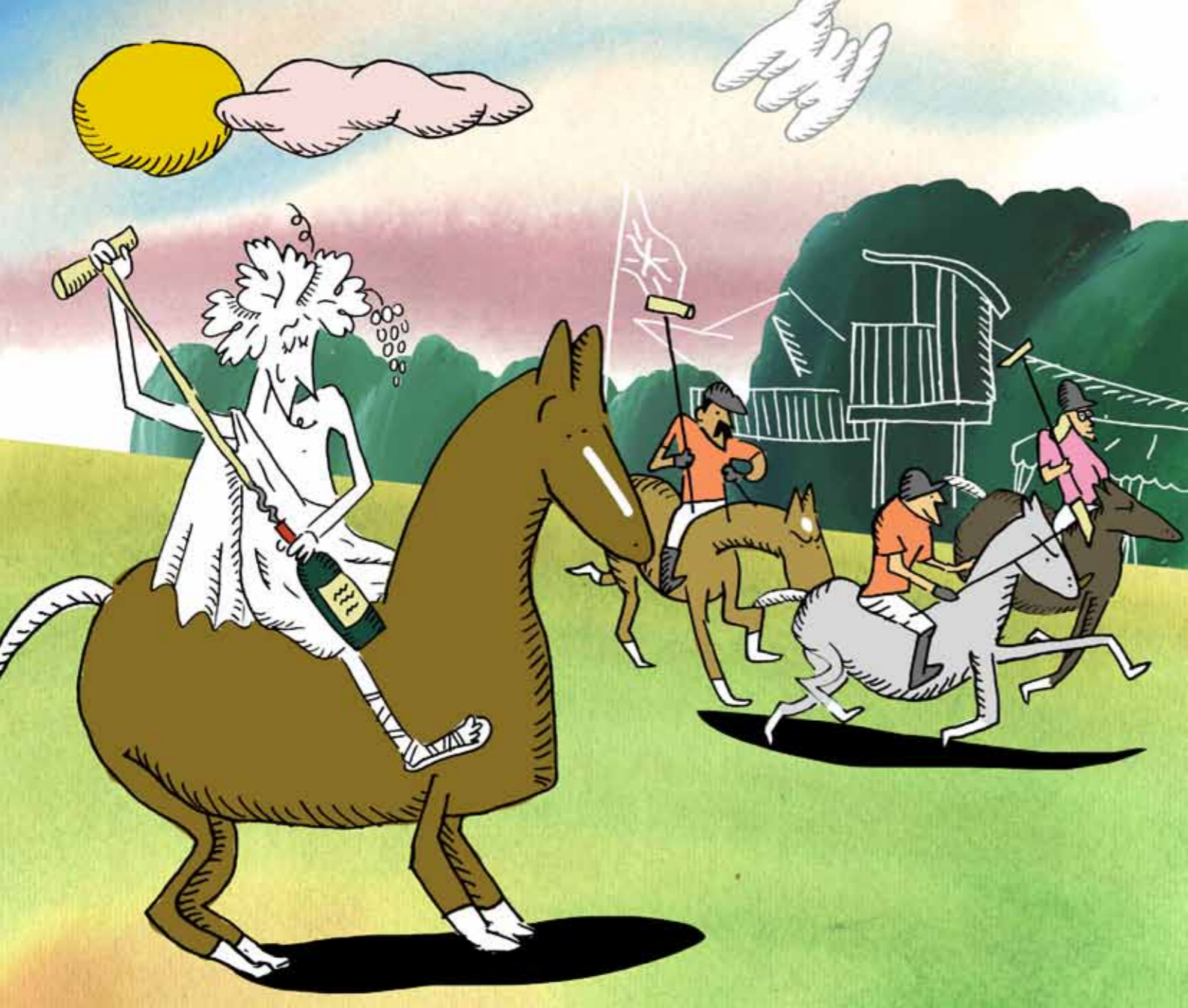




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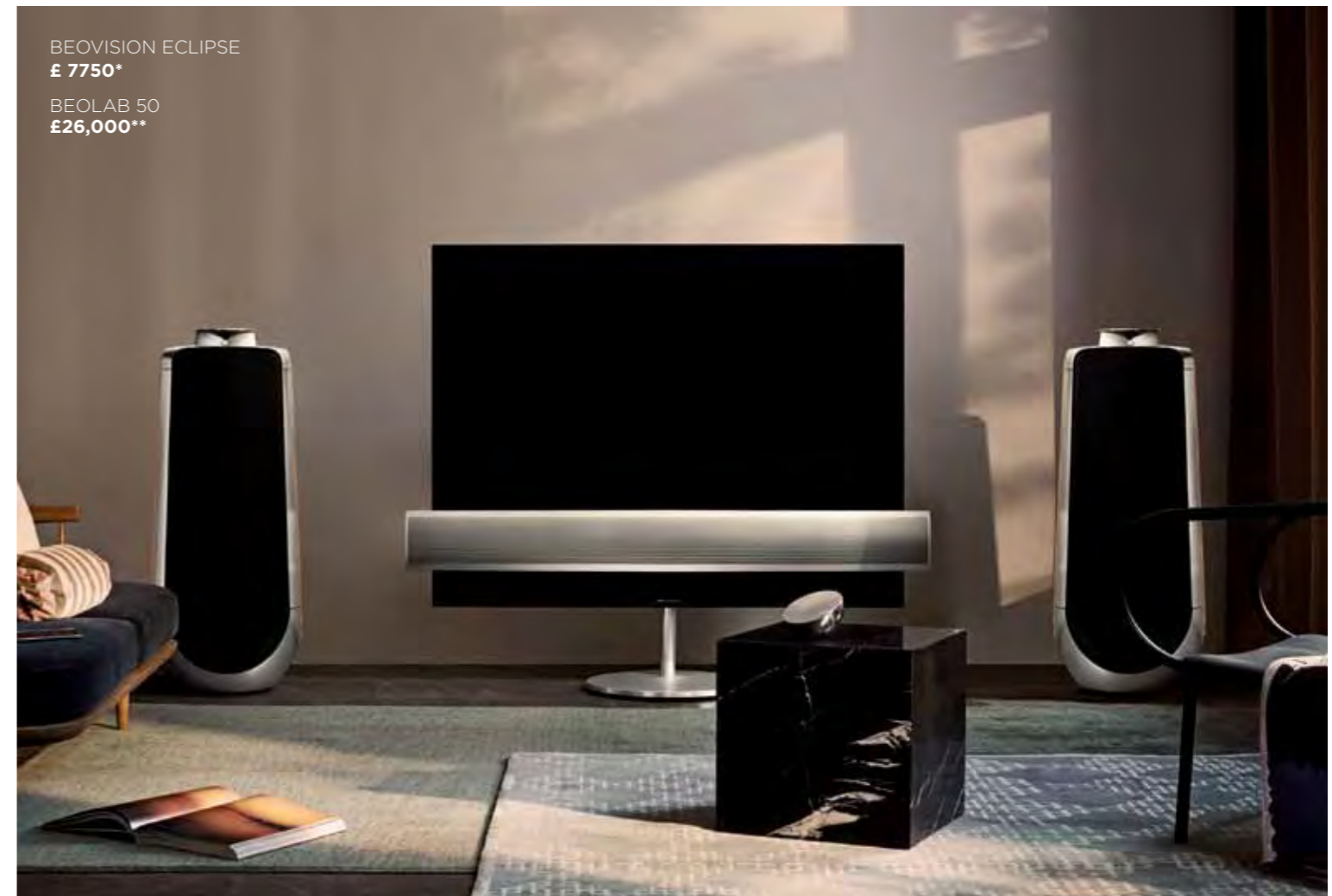
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# Visiting HAM



## WATCH POLO AND ENJOY THE CLUBHOUSE

Conveniently located only eight miles from Hyde Park Corner, Ham Polo Club is the last remaining polo club in Greater London. The Club is one of the oldest in the UK and is proud of its heritage and tradition of being a friendly, family polo club.

The stunning facilities provide a memorable experience and our picturesque Clubhouse and grounds are ideal for entertaining guests on all occasions.

## SUNDAY POLO

Visitors are welcome to at the Club on matchdays which are all available for purchase on the website. Pre-paid prices range from £10-15, pre-booking by the day before will always offer the best value tickets.

Parking is available though the Club encourages the use of public transport cars should be booked online with tickets. Richmond is both on the mainline and London Underground with the Club a quick 5 minutes away by taxi or by Number 65 bus, enjoy a magnificent walk to the Club through the tree lined footpath towards Ham House. Visitors can walk from Richmond along the river which takes 25 minutes.

Dress is casual for the picnic area and smart casual for The Clubhouse, further details are available on the website.



Dogs must be on leads at all times without exception and please pick up after dogs and dispose of responsibly. Any dogs behaving in an anti social manner will be required to be taken home.

Polo can be a dangerous sport and visitors do attend at their own risk, visitors are urged to ensure that they are aware of the safety zones and that children and dogs in particular are monitored closely at all times. The Club will accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any kind of injury, loss or damage suffered by any person to their property while present at the Club, whatsoever or howsoever that injury, loss or damage is caused. The full waiver of is available on the website.

## THE PICNIC

The Picnic area is a grassed area on the side of the polo pitch, visitors can bring their own picnic, please note that there are seasonal toilet facilities and visitors do need to bring their own food and beverage provisions.

Picnic refuse must be taken home with visitors, no refuse facilities are provided at the Club.

## THE CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is primarily reserved for members and social membership is open to applicants offering fantastic value for money across the season for every Sunday and exclusive member events & privileges. Lunch for members may be booked on all Sundays via the website or by calling the Polo Office, lunch is usually served from midday until 4pm, there is also a bar and indoor and outdoor seating areas. Non members may access the Clubhouse

on certain days with a lunch booking available via the website which includes Day Membership of the Club.



The Clubhouse is available for private hire throughout the year.





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# Chairman's *Message*



Well what an extraordinary year 2020 turned out to be. At one point it looked to all intents & purposes as though we would have had no season to write about at Ham. Most happily that turned out not to be the case due to the sterling efforts of all of the HPCL team.

As I said when our great friends from the RAF visited us last year although we faced huge problems this year it pales in comparison with the trials & tribulations faced by the wonderful Billy Walsh in resurrecting polo at Ham following a devastating and punishing world war during which the RAF saved the nation. That war left large tracts of the former Ham House Estate in varying degrees of devastation. The Ham Lands had been filled with rubble from London's bombed housing and St. Peter's Church had narrowly missed destruction when the bomb that fell through the roof mercifully failed to explode. So with abandonment & disrepair all around Billy's task in respawning polo must have seemed almost hopeless to the casual onlookers clutching their ration coupons.

But it is that very gutsy against all odds character making it happen that today gives us the tremendous inspiration the Ham team needs when the going gets tough.

And let's face it; tough it has been!

Firstly, under Simon's auspices, we had to turn around a huge deficit largely contributed to by Vat rules which frankly seem arcane in terms of taxing community sports club assets and which are not, sensibly, applied in other western countries like Germany.

Secondly we had a huge investment plan on our hands with the urgently needed track rejuvenation project for which I'd like to pay tribute to all the players who supported the club with their loans and to Will, Sam, Benjie, Quentin in particular and others rolling up their sleeves to take it from conceptual material & drainage design to implementation. This was astonishingly achieved just before Covid hit in only a matter of weeks.

Then there was the phase II clubhouse upgrade following the kitchen & woodwork repairs a year earlier. The new non slip back verandah, refurbished toilets all adding to the reinvigoration of our lovely old spiritual 'colonial' style home.

To top it out the introduction of the excellent Blue Strawberry team under the kindly and watchful eye of Richard Meyer and Lisa and their charming team bringing Covid control & safe distancing table service with a smile to Ham's deserving club members has been refreshing.

And finally, though certainly not least, the long awaited Incorporation turning Ham Polo Club into Ham Polo Club Limited ensuring that the business of polo is encapsulated in a professional and secure vehicle intendingly keeping the club secure for many years to come.

This effort underpinned by independent lawyers Russell Cooke involved Sam and the former HPC Committee in countless hours of discussions and meetings to try to get things right and the club is very grateful to the members & supporters (debs?) for their patience and support during the drawn out process.

So what of the polo I hear you ask; well frankly I feel it was one of the happiest seasons on record. The adversity of trying to play with constantly shifting Covid rules and hard to grapple health concerns brought the players and non spectating members together in a manner possibly not witnessed at Ham since Billy's post war pioneers were around. Mucking in and sharing tasks with our brilliant grooms & pros (Jason, Lucy, Domi & all the ladies) and fellow players brings a satisfying fulfillment despite, nay because of, the endurance of all manner of impositions. Will's successful realisation of the world renowned Roehampton and Billy Walsh Tournaments and a Ham team winning at Cowdray were just some of the stand out memories we shall cherish as we sit back in bemusement looking at mask adorned players' pictures in years to come.

To you all a huge salute from a grateful Chairman and a very hard working Board.

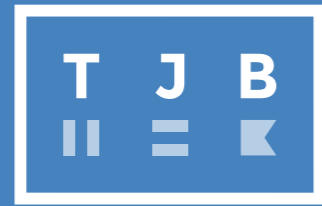
As to the future, as commented at season's end, our oft derided British heritage has left a splendid legacy of dearly loved and special clubs dotted around the world. Where else can one go and feel simultaneously away from and yet still 'at home'. Where else can one expect and get that friendly personal service of respect and empathy if not at one's own club. Coupling that club spirit with the wonderful king of sports makes for an amazing original blend and Ham proudly remains that highly cherished object of desire of its members.

May that happy status long remain.

Very best wishes to all for a Covid free winter and here's looking forward to a return to polo normality for season 2021!

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# Picnic *at the* Polo

Visitors who are not members are welcome on all Saturdays. The picnic area opens on Sunday 16 May 2021 and guests can bring their own food and drink to watch the polo. A fantastic day out for all.

Matches are held every Sunday, please check our Fixture List (page 15) for the day's program of matches.

## PREBOOKED TICKETS:

- May, August & September £10 pp including children over 13yrs
- June & July £15 pp (£25 on the day)

## SEASON PICNIC BADGES AVAILABLE

Season Picnic Pass offers full season access to the picnic area from May to September. Includes: Metal picnic swing badge and one complimentary parking space; valid for named individual; all other guests chargeable 14yrs+. One complimentary Sunday Clubhouse upgrade, booked only, subject to availability.

- Single £120
- Partner/Family £225 (same residential address)

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# Friday Evening POLO



## How to Picnic *at the* Club

- Be aware at all times of the movement of horses and the games, polo ponies are very fast
- 5 miles per hour speed limit across whole estate
- Visitors parking and a picnic space next to the pitch; please note that no seating is provided and the picnic is not a covered area. Please park with consideration for others and the restricted space available so that all visitors can enjoy their experience
- We appreciate that many of our visitors enjoy a glass of wine or beer while watching the polo, we ask that all of our visitors take a responsible approach to drinking at Ham Polo Club especially within an environment where horses are moving a great speed.
- Please take all rubbish home with you to keep our Club looking beautiful
- Dress code is casual – we recommend that good shoes are worn for helping us tread in the divots
- Dogs are permitted with responsible owners, dogs must be on leads at all times and please pick up all dog droppings
- The Clubhouse and Clubhouse area is reserved for members or Clubhouse entry with lunch may be prebooked online, Social Membership is only £360 and offers fantastic value
- Visiting Ham Polo Club and watching polo is accompanied by a degree of risk and therefore we do advise that by visiting us you have agreed to the General Waiver & Release of Liability
- BBQs are strictly not permitted



## Start your weekend in style with evening polo at Ham Polo Club

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# RULES *of* POLO

## GENERAL

- The ground is 300 yards long, 150 yards wide.
- Each chukka is 7½ minutes. In the last chukka the game ends on the bell unless there is a tie.
- There are intervals of 3 minutes between chukkas; 5 minutes at half-time. Ends are changed after each goal.
- Each player is handicapped from -2 up to 10 goals (the best players).
- The aggregate handicap of the four players in a team is the team handicap.

## FOULS

- Crossing the right of way is one of the most dangerous fouls in polo and can result in a very serious accident.
- A player following the ball on its exact line has the right of way over all players. Any other player who crosses the player on the right of way close enough to be dangerous commits a foul.
- Penalties vary according to the degree of danger and closeness of the cross.
- When travelling in the same direction a player may draw level with another and then force him across the line and take possession of the ball without committing a foul.
- A player may move in parallel with the line and play a shot, providing he can do so without interfering with another player - mount, or causing him to check back.
- Two players riding for a ball from opposite directions in the open must both give way to the left and take the ball on their right or off side.
- It is forbidden to hit across the legs of a pony.
- The elbow may not be used when riding off.
- A player may hook an opponent's stick but never across a pony or above the shoulders.
- When two players are approaching a ball in the open from different directions, the player approaching at the least angle to the line of the ball has the right of way.
- Dangerous riding or rough handling is not allowed - a player may ride an opponent off.

## PENALTIES

- A goal is given if the cross is dangerous or deliberate in the vicinity of the goal. The ball is thrown in 10 yards in front of the goal without ends being changed.
- Free hit from 30 yards opposite the centre of the goal - defenders to be behind the back line and outside the goal posts which they must not ride through when the ball is hit.







# FIXTURE

# LIST 2021



## MARCH

Monday 22 March	Polo Liveries Open
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## APRIL

Saturday 24 April	Provisional date for first Chukkas
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## MAY

Sunday 2 May	Double Bett Trophy Anthony Cup
Monday 3 May	Members Monday
Sunday 9 May	Ham House Tournament Finals
Saturday 15 May	League – David Healy
Sunday 16 May	HR Owen Trophy BBVA Bowl RAF Cranwell (away)
Friday 21 May	Friday Night Polo
Sunday 23 May	Mixed Doubles Tournament Finals The Goal Cup Erskine Trophy
Saturday 29 May	League – David Healy
Sunday 30 May	Richmond Park Cup Doug Brown Plate
Monday 31 May	Members Monday

## JUNE

Saturday 5 June	League – David Healy
Sunday 6 June	Japan Day Polo BCS Cup Tiger Tops Tiger Mountain
Sunday 13 June	Petersham Bowl Tournament Finals Free picnic entry for Armed Forces & NHS workers John Player Plate
Friday 18 June	Friday Night Polo
Saturday 19 June	League – David Healy
Sunday 20 June	Wimbledon Brewery Gentleman's Day Ventura-Pauly Trophy Penny Farthing Polo Match
Sunday 27 June	Summer Tournament Finals Rosie Adams Bowl Rerrieson Phillippe Carrance Cup

## JULY

Saturday 3 July	League – David Healy
Sunday 4 July	Cheval Polo Cup Peter Pitts II
Friday 9 July	Friday Night Polo & Party Buck's vs Turf
Sunday 11 July	Piper Heidsieck Ladies Day Piper Heidsieck Tournament Finals Edward Tauchert Bowl
Saturday 17 July	League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 18 July	Don Zolio Tigerstream
Saturday 24 July	League - Peggy Healy
Sunday 25 July	Godbold Trophy Treleven Cup Quatros Amigos

## AUGUST

Sunday 1 August	Argentine Cup Tournament Finals
Friday 6 August	Friday Night Polo & Party
Saturday 7 August	League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 8 August	Family Fun Day (gates open 9am) Polo Pony Show (morning) Blue Cross Charity Dog Show (morning) Hurlingham Perpetual Cup Finalista Cup
Saturday 14 August	League – Peggy Healy CST Private Polo Day India vs Pakistan
Sunday 15 August	HPA Young England Indian Army Trophy
Saturday 21 August	League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 22 August	Faberge Roehampton Cup Finals Critchley Trophy
Saturday 28 August	RAF Private Polo Day Ham vs RAF
Sunday 29 August	Ham Ladies Tournament Bannister Bowl Peter Pitts I
Monday 30 August	Ham Ladies Tournament Finals

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday 4 September	League – Peggy Healy Ham vs Newport, USA (away)
Sunday 5 September	Polo Challenge Cup Candillio Cup Autumn Cup
Saturday 11 September	HAC Private Polo Day
Sunday 12 September	Kenham Building Billy Walsh Finals Kingfisher Floating Seat
Friday 17 September	Club Dinner and Players Awards
Saturday 18 September	League – Peggy Healy Ham vs Cowdray (away)
Sunday 19 September	Sponsors / Advertisers Open Day Jimmy Edwards Trophy Comedy Society Player of the Match Peggy Healy Trophy Final Hong Kong vs Horse Guards
Sunday 26 September	Farewell Cup Asprey Red Cross Cup Aylesford Trophy End of Season Quiz & Party

## DECEMBER

Friday 10 December	Christmas Drinks Party
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Fixtures are subject to change and additional matches will be added after the date of print. Please check the website for up to date information. [hampoloclub.com](http://hampoloclub.com)

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# Membership of Ham Polo Club

Ham Polo Club is a friendly, family polo club and we welcome both playing and social members of all ages.



## SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021 SEASON

Social Membership is available via application on the website and offers excellent value with each Sunday of polo at around only £15 per visit. There are a huge number of benefits to being a social member of the Club special members events, guest allowances, midweek chukkas & Clubhouse, reciprocals with other equine Clubs and preferential rates for services local to Richmond.

- Social Membership £360 plus £134 joining fee
- Partner Social Membership £530 plus £134 joining fee (same residential address)
- Young Social Membership 18-15 years £125
- Young Social Membership 26-30 years £231

## PLAYING MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021 SEASON

There are 4 levels of playing membership available to polo players at Ham, to join as a playing member, applicants are advised to email or telephone the Club.

- Debenture Membership £2,866
- Chukka Membership £2,575 plus £640 joining fee
- Young Players 18-25 years in full time education £999
- Young Players Under 19 £600



Playing Members enjoy the opportunity to play Chukkas on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings in a friendly atmosphere with pro support and advice. Matches are played every Sunday and there are monthly tournaments and a league to participate in all organised by the Club's Polo Manager.

Full and professional livery is available at the Club, further details on page 59.

## FUN & SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2021

- Easter Sunday Family Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt
- Pre Season Cocktail Party
- Saturday morning Family Brunch & Chukkas
- Gentlemens Day
- Gastronomic Clubhouse Experience Evening
- 4 Friday Night Polo Parties with DJ
- Summer Polo Festival
- Ladies Day
- Family Fun Day
- Members Bank Holiday Mondays
- End of Season Party
- Christmas Party







# LEARN *to* PLAY

Ham Polo Club is friendly polo Club and welcomes beginners in a supportive and qualified environment among other beginner and intermediate players.

During the season the Club pros and the office team guide new players through becoming involved in all Club activities both playing and social.

## How can I start playing polo at Ham?

1. Speak to our Head Coach, fill in the form on the website Learn to Play section or email [lessons@hampoloclub.com](mailto:lessons@hampoloclub.com)
2. Learn how to ride with us (if you can't already) or have an assessment lesson; riding lessons available all year round.
3. Purchase an Academy Champion Package or Learn how to play polo in individual/group lessons with our Head Coach May – September
4. Join the Academy to participate instructional polo games
5. Enough practise with the Academy and you are on your way to joining the Club as a chukka member

## The Academy 18yrs+

Our Head Coach will be able to tell you at your assessment lesson when you are ready to join the Academy.

The Academy is a welcoming, friendly and fun group of polo learners who participate in instructional chukkas; usually twice per week. Riders are mounted on Club horses and coached through the elements of slower chukkas (mini games) for approximately half an hour, this enables riders to build confidence and experience. To join the Academy is £640 per season and instructional chukkas take place on Wednesday evening and Saturday/Sunday mornings £180; price includes horse hire and instruction. Other benefits of joining the Academy include:

- Professional advice and support throughout your polo journey
- A friendly Club with many experienced players to support your learning
- Comprehensive and knowledgeable support should you decide to invest in your own ponies
- A great social life with our Clubhouse and annual events programme
- Club Membership badge
- Club Parking Pass
- All benefits of Social Membership, see Members Area for full details

## Lessons

Lessons during season – no membership required

- Midweek one hour (includes horse) £155 (closed Mondays)
- Weekend one hour (includes horse) £170
- Group lessons 4-6 people, 2.5 hours £295 per person midweek only (closed Mondays)

**May – September** Ham Polo Club has a number of HPA qualified coaches and a range of trained school ponies for novices to learn on.

**October – March** We offer Winter polo lessons at our partner arena polo clubs with our Head Coach, please contact [lessons@hampoloclub.com](mailto:lessons@hampoloclub.com); at Ham, we do offer the opportunity to learn to ride in advance of learning how to play polo in the Winter Season.





# Junior ACADEMY

Ham Polo Club is a great place for children and teenagers to make new friends in a safe and friendly environment.



If children do not have their own ponies we offer year round activities to participate in using our own friendly and beautiful ponies; the team has many combined years of experience teaching children how to ride and to play polo.

The Junior Academy (JA) introduces children aged 8-18 to polo with the aim of becoming adult players at Ham.

The Junior Academy also offers the opportunity for parents and guardians to become involved through Social Membership. There is a range of experienced ponies and DBS checked, experienced instructors available and children have the opportunity to learn how to play polo, umpire, become a goal judge and how to play in matches. To be involved in the JA, a child will need to be able to ride and hit the ball sufficiently well; lessons for this purpose are available.

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# JA





The colonial-style pavilion venue sits within 23 acres of gorgeous grounds, surrounded by charming mature oaks and horse chestnut trees. The perfect backdrop for your perfect wedding photos.

The versatile venue can accommodate weddings for you between 15 and 144 guests and includes, a Clubhouse, Rooftop Terrace and ample grounds.

The Clubhouse boasts three areas to suit various stages of your wedding day. The Rooftop Terrace is the perfect location for alfresco drinks reception, with 360 views of the Polo Club. Following this, you and your guests can dine in our Clubhouse beneath an enchanting canopy of vines.

Following your meal, the central section of the Clubhouse – the timber pavilion is ideal for dancing, or you could enjoy the sunset in the peace of the south-facing back verandah.

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- **Discounts** for selected dates



Civil ceremonies can also be arranged in the Clubhouse so you can have your complete wedding day at Ham Polo Club.

If you're planning an occasion with more than 144 guests, the Clubhouse can be used alongside marquees in the gardens or on the grounds.



In addition to the exclusive use of the striking Polo Club and grounds, you will benefit from a complete event planning service from an excellent and dedicated wedding team. They will be on hand to help tailor every detail of your special day. If required, the team can also recommend some trusted suppliers to help create your perfect day.

# Weddings at HAM

Ham Polo Club is the perfect Surrey wedding venue for your wedding.

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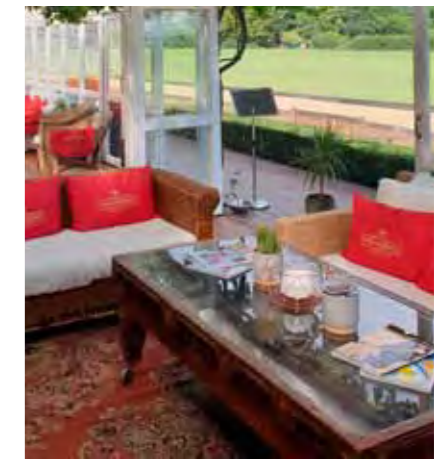
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The stunning facilities provide a memorable experience and our picturesque Clubhouse and grounds are ideal for entertaining guests on all occasions.



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Ham Polo Club is proud to work in partnership with Blue Strawberry, specialist caterers known for their sensational food, bespoke events and exceptional design.

The Clubhouse is flexible and can be expanded in various ways to accommodate larger events and parties, the Club offers ample outdoor space for marquees and parking. There is a full bar available, dancefloor and soft seating areas if required. Without extension the Clubhouse can seat 144 and the Roof Garden 80 or 150 standing.

## CORPORATE EVENTS

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## CLUB PROFILE

300 family memberships and over 250 single memberships. 20,000 visitors and guests of members during the season, which begins in May and ends at the end of September. 2,500 guests attending privately catered events at HPC. 2,000 guests at sponsored polo days throughout the season – previous corporate polo day sponsors have included Mellon Bank, Coutts & Co, Jaeger LeCoultre, Gaucho, St. George plc, Robert Walters, Norman Broadbent, Bombay Sapphire, Aylesfords, Hine Cognac, FAL Energy and HR Owen. 1,500 guests at corporate events during the season. 500 guests attending the four major polo tournaments scheduled during each season

## MEMBERS' PROFILE

The membership comprises families and individual members who are social, playing, country and overseas members. The average annual income of members exceeds £100,000 p.a. Professional occupations include company owners and directors, bankers, accountants, investors, publishers, advertisers, architects, importers, property developers, doctors, brokers, solicitors and a wide and diverse range of others. Members range between 25 to 75 years old. The male to female ratio is 50:50

Ham Polo Club offers fantastic opportunities for companies to introduce and enhance their profile with customers through a range of flexible and accessible options.



## SPONSORSHIP

The most impactful of all of the options for companies is the opportunity to sponsor tournaments at the Club which are monthly throughout the season. There are 4 levels of sponsorship offered starting from £2,000 for Sunday matches through to the top level of sponsorship in the region of £10,000. Within the sponsorship packages, companies benefit from:

- Partnership status for the annual season with the Club including website presence and newsletter coverage
- On site advertising banners for the whole season
- Quarter to full page in Club Yearbook dependent on level on sponsorship
- Naming rights to a tournament
- Tournament day – complimentary day membership, roll in the ball, branded prize presentation, commentator promotion, social media coverage, press coverage dependent up on tournament, branded polo shirts by separate arrangement



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The Club can facilitate large vehicles including overnight parking, helicopter landings and food & beverage provision for crews.

We have a variety of backdrops and options for filming and photo shoots; from the stables, the all-weather track, our rooftop terrace, our Pavilion style Clubhouse, our arena, meeting rooms and our wooded areas.

Recent clients have included a high profile popular television programme, feature films, music videos and corporate promotional experience videos. In 2020 Ham Polo Club was delighted to be involved with The Secret Life of the Thames with Tony Robinson which will be aired this year.



*"The team at Ham Polo Club have been true delight work with. They looked into every request we had with a positive attitude and were always extremely accommodating and understanding of the fast-paced film & TV industry"*

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# COPA Califa

*Argentina*



On the final day teams representing Ham and La Esperanza assembled to vie for the trophy. Four chukkas of 12 goal polo ensued with some especially commendable play from Dominika Ticha and Sarka Tomaskova, two of the top Czech polo players who had been training all season in South America and were asked to represent La Esperanza polo team.

At the end of play Ham had clinched victory over the hosts 8 goals to 7 and a delighted team Captain, Will Healy, collected the trophy from Jose Bertola. The traditional asado followed the game celebrating the friendly connection between the two clubs.

Huge thanks go to the Bertolas for extending their invitation each year and to Will Healy and Martin French-Blake for organising the teams and players.



LA ESPERANZA PC	
Dominika Ticha/Sarka Tomaskova	0
Marcos Bertola	3
Paulo Bertola	3
Benjamin Araya	5
	<b>11</b>



HAM POLO CLUB	
Benjie Davis	2
Tomas Bertola	3
Will Healy	3
Martin French-Blake	4
	<b>12</b>



The 2020 Copa Califa took place at the end of February, just in time before the world began its lockdown. As usual the Bertola family extended a warm welcome to Ham members visiting Argentina and a week of matches were organised on their pristine grounds.

Visiting Coronel Suarez is a must for every polo fan and it's always possible to find something for everyone in Suarez.





# The Roehampton Cup

Now in its 118th year the Roehampton Cup final took place on August 23rd. Two weeks of league matches resulted in Jet Set and Ojo Caliente/ Mount Loftus (OC/ML) achieving places in the final. OC/ML had displayed some impressive horse power in the league stages and this appeared to give them the edge in the opening chukkas. Santi Araya worked hard for Jet Set in defence but the impressive combination of Jonny Good and Terrence Lent was a difficult challenge to contend with. A significant lead was opened up by OC/ML and though Katharine Smithwick's Jet Set team closed it towards the end it was Ojo Caliente/Mount Loftus who repeated their Roehampton Win of 2018 to claim the trophy again.

In the next match for the plate Quadriga put in a valiant effort representing Ham Polo Club but were overcome by AMP Capital who took home the Rerrison Trophy.



Georgina Brittain and Ana Escobedo marched to the presentation table together to lift the cup and looked delighted with their second win of this historic tournament.



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# ARAYA *Tournament*

It was mid February in Coronel Suarez, covid was still a myth and the second edition of “Copa la Familia” was on!

By Juan Cruz Araya Martelli



It was mid February in Coronel Suarez, covid was still a myth and the second edition of “Copa la Familia” was on! Six teams of up to 14 goals trying to take home what Bianca Stephan’s “Colindo Polo Team” achieved in 2019.

There was a week of matches and this takes us to the last day where Ham member Gus Prentice’s “CH Fergus Homes Polo Team” and “San José” fought hard till the very last chukka where San José took the advantage to snatch the trophy in the very end of the game!

After the game prize giving was held and the traditional Asado was on its way to celebrate the end of another excellent edition of the “Copa La Familia”.

We would like to thank our sponsor Rio Uruguay Seguros and everyone who joined us during the summer! Those friends that always show up so we can have a great week of polo!

And a special thanks to Will Healy and all Estancia La Primavera, Marc Lindner who played the copa “Juan Carlos Harriot” on the Cahuel-Hue horses and Julia Rizos who joined us for a week of very intense polo!



## SPECIAL PRIZES

**Best Overseas Players:** Gus Prentice and Guru Johal (UK)

**Most Argyfied Overseas Player:** Enno Anhrendt (Germany)

### SAN JOSÉ RUS

Pedro Araya	0
José Araya	5
Pepe Araya	5
William Crowe	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

### SAN FRANCISCO RUS

Benjamin Araya	5
Jasón Warren	3
Emily Scrase/Angela Moran	0
Ignacio Alberdi	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

### CH HOOKUM

Marcos Goti	4
Gurú Johal	0
Juan Cruz Araya	4
Benjie Davis	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

### EL MIRADOR RUS

Diego Araya	7
Pipe Miguens	5
Enno Anhrendt	0
Horacio Araya	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

### CH FERGUS HOMES

Milagros/Elina Araya	0
Federico Vitali	2
Gus Prentice	2
Santiago Araya	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

### EL AMANECER RUS

Mito Goti	6
Lucas Goti	0
William Healy	3
Juan Presa	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

We have missed all our visitors a lot this year! But we are already working on 2022 in order to host those who would like to have an intense week of horses, polo friends and family!





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# Hong Kong Day

By Major P R L Hunter, formerly Regimental Adjutant and The Life Guards

For the last 3 years, we have been organising an annual polo match between The Horse Guards and Hong Kong. This has been set in more pleasant circumstances than currently pertain.

The idea has been to bring different communities together and help the Hong Kong Association achieve that. This is important because there are still huge business, commercial and cultural exchanges taking place between the UK and Hong Kong, even though it is now part of China.

*Photography Nicola Beretta*



### THE HORSE GUARDS (Blue Barbour shirts) v HONG KONG POLO – 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

Left to Right: OCdt Evan Sidwells, Lt Hugo Hunter LG, 2Lt Rufus Camm RHG/D, Simon Chamberlain (Ham Polo Club), Major Peter Hunter (formerly LG), Umpires Will Healy & Michael Ventura, Andrew Leung, Lawrence Geung, Kwan Lo, Freddie Ventura (Ham Polo Club)

Thanks to Howard Davis, Geoffrey Godbold, Benjie Davis, Sam Pedder, Isabel Stewart and all at Ham Polo.

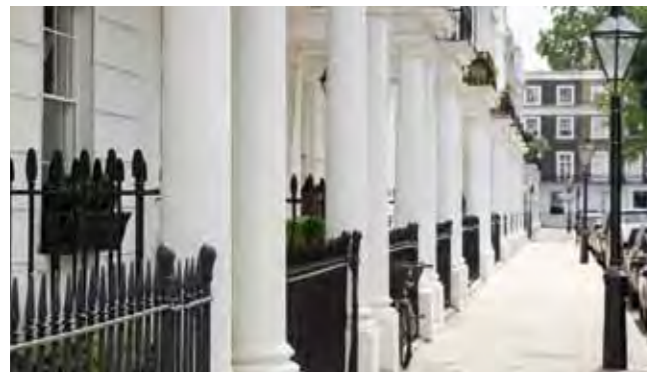
Sponsorship from our supporters, Old Park Lane Management, Chow Tai Fook Gold Jewellers, Mei Sim Lai OBE DL, Grace Bian, Azad Ayub, Lock & Co Hatters, Aquila and Cars-Connections, raised a sum for each of the Household Cavalry Foundation, the Tristan Voorspuys (formerly RHG/D) Conservation Trust in Kenya,

The Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Army Benevolent Fund and Tusk in Africa.

Over the last 3 years we have had a variety of players including Martin Young and Cameron Bacon, both formerly Blues and Royals. This last year the teams were as follows:

THE HORSE GUARDS		HONG KONG RED	
Lt Hugo Hunter LG / OCdt Evan Sidwells	-2	Andrew Leung	-1
2Lt Rufus Camm RHG/D	0	Lawrence Geung	-1
Simon Chamberlain (Ham player)	1	Kwan Lo (Ham player)	1
Major Peter Hunter (formerly LG)	0	Major Peter Hunter (formerly LG)	2
	<b>-1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>		<b>RESERVES</b>	
Major Lord Milo Manton (formerly LG)	0	Miss Celine Lawrence	-1
Lt Arthur Bryan R HG/D (played last year)	-2	Daniel Park	-1
LCpl Jakob Reuter LG (played last year)	-2	Miss Eko Yin	-2
LCpl Jarman HCMR	-2		<b>4</b>
	<b>6</b>		

The match will take place again on 19th September 2021 at Ham Polo Club; see their website for details. Everybody is welcome to picnic or just watch.



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**Top left:** Lawrence Geung and Major Peter Hunter in Hong Kong v The Horse Guards match  
**Bottom left:** Mei Sim Lai OBE DL and Miss Grace Bian  
**Middle bottom:** Jason Warren  
**Bottom right:** Friday Night Polo, Player Hugo Davis  
**Top right:** RAF Polo





# Ladies Cup 2021

THE CORONEL SUAREZ POLO CLUB



## TEAMS

### LEAGUE 1

CENTAUROS  
Fatima Balzano  
Catalina Harriott  
Mili Araya  
Luchi Rossi Zorrilla

### LA CELINA

Dolores Brane Harriott  
Agustina Imaz  
Dolores Rivera  
Catalina Alimenti / P Oliver

### LA PRIMAVERA

Dominika Ticha  
Dominique Lauhe  
Ines Ecke  
Mora Erdozia Merchan

### LEAGUE 2

SAN JUAN  
Francisca Olariaga  
Malena Harriott  
Luisa Demarchi  
Sofia Harriott

### EL TALA

Elena Zorrilla  
Rosario Zorrilla  
Lola Zorrilla  
Lola Simmer

### EL MANDIL

Luisa Zorrilla  
Guadalupe Zorrilla  
Jose Torralva  
Luna Dorignac

## RESULTS

El Tala	2	vs	El Mandil	0
El Mandil	2	vs	San Juan	0
El Tala	2	vs	San Juan	1
Centauros	2	vs	La Primavera	3
Centauros	2	vs	La Celina	1
La Primavera	1	vs	La Celina	2

## FINAL

La Primavera	0	vs	El Tala	1
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Argentina's most successful polo club held their first ever Ladies Cup in 2020. Just before going to print the second edition of the tournament went ahead and featured Dominika Ticha, a representative from Ham Polo Club. Her team had a successful run eventually losing by a goal in the final and placing second overall.



# Jason Warren

## 5 top exercises for polo

### HONEST FEEDBACK

Who is interested in getting better? An important part of improving your polo is asking for honest feedback. Many people play and expect to get better just by playing more, but this will not always improve your polo. We must have a real understanding of the areas we need to improve. You may hold the stick wrong, ride without a strong seat or have a horse that is not right for you. Whatever it is, it is important to ask questions, get honest answers, and act on the feedback.

### WATCH YOURSELF

Watching videos of yourself is the best way to critically consider how you play. You will pick up on where you could improve your game tactically (where you are on the field) and technically (how you ride etc). Video is the best way to assess yourself, remember the video can't lie and with Hugo's filming skills nothing is missed!

### TAKE A LESSON!

When you have found the element of your game that may require some attention, it is important to spend time on the stick and ball ground going over the basics of the skill. 'Perfect practice makes perfect', this is an important statement. We can put hours of practice in and get worse! Practising how to swing badly will only result in a bad swing! To get better we need to know what we are practising differently. If you are practising a specific skill, the chances are you have not been doing it right and therefore will feel more comfortable doing it the wrong way. Don't slip into the habit of doing what feels comfortable. Sometimes we need to go back to come forward.

### HORSES

As we know horses are hugely important to polo. Whatever level you play, you will always have a horse that you play better on than the rest of your string. Sometimes we have horses that hold us back and no matter how much we improve as a player that horse may not allow us to get better. Begin to understand the reasons why you play better on one horse than another. In an ideal world you want to swap the bottom of your string for a horse that will go to the top of your string. This is easier said than done, but try not to compromise when buying a horse. A better horses equals a better player.

### WATCH POLO

When you watch higher goal players, focus on all areas of their game. When we watch others play, we can get into the habit of just watching rather than really seeing what others are doing while they play. To improve you should be looking at all aspects of their game: how they sit, how they swing the stick, how relaxed they are etc. What really makes up a good player?



# HPC plays a part in Czech Polo History



**BY SARKA TOMASKOVA**

Sarka Tomaskova is the author of the first polo manual to be published in the Czech language. She has worked for HPC and 8 goaler JP Clarkin as well as spending time working in Argentine and New Zealand polo. Here she tells us about how the sport is developing in central Europe.

Whether from a horse, cozy clubhouse or as a backdrop for a picnic with family and friends, polo is an essential part of summer Sundays for most of us. It is all the more difficult to believe that in some countries it is still a very little known and unexplored sport. One of them is Czech Republic; a small country in the heart of Europe, and also home of many of our grooms, currently boasts only a very small polo scene, despite the fact that the potential for polo and horse breeding would be relatively large.

Today, there are six polo clubs in the Czech Republic. Four of them are located in the capital city of Prague or around, and the other two can be found in the eastern part of the state called Moravia. Only two of them – NOE Polo Club and La Republica Polo Club, however, have quality facilities and a large enough grass field for the game as we know it in England.

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Now polo is slowly expanding and in the last few years, several good polo events have taken place. Already the most famous are the traditional Prague Polo Cup, held in Prague every year since 2013, as well as the Noe Polo Cup always in spring and autumn every year on the Noe farm near Brno city.

At the beginning of 2020, in order to raise awareness of Czech polo, I published my final thesis at the Faculty of Physical Education of the Palacky University on the topic of Polo in the Czech Republic, making it the first Czech-written publication and research of its kind.

My work briefly describes the history of polo, horses for polo, equipment and also clearly unifies and explains the rules of polo. In the practical research part the paper looks under the hood of Czech polo, introducing existing clubs and describes their hinterland, including shortcomings in order to simplify the potential client's choice of suitable facilities for his needs based on his knowledge and previous polo experience.

In it, I pass on my experience from the background of polo and the field itself, collected mainly in our Ham Polo Club, but also in New Zealand and last but not least, in Argentina at the Estancia La Primavera. The work is also complemented by photos from our club. Ham Polo Club has undoubtedly become a part of the creation of the history and development of Czech polo and, hopefully, its expansion throughout the whole Czech Republic and beyond.

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# I want to buy my first polo pony... HELP!

*By William Healy*

This article primarily is meant as a guide for those who are new to the game and setting out on the road to become a fully-fledged polo player. However, I hope this will also be helpful to seasoned players.

After having played instructional chukkas and rented horses for club chukkas, the next step will be to think about buying a pony of your own. For the uninitiated, this can be a daunting prospect. There can be a lot of pitfalls involved in buying horses. But don't be deterred. Having your own horse opens up a whole new world. Having the freedom to ride when you like, not having to rely on rentals, and taking on the responsibility of looking after what will, ideally, become a true friend, is a wonderfully rewarding experience.

## WHAT SHOULD I BE LOOKING FOR?

You will probably be looking at many horses before you find the right one. Remember, at Ham either myself or one of the pros will be more than happy to go shopping with you. Be patient and try not to get despondent; the right horse might be just around the next corner.

When going to look at a horse, try it in a chukka. It is hard to judge just by stick-and-balling or riding. He might stick-and-ball perfectly well and then turn into a monster on the polo field.

In my opinion, there is one overriding factor that you should be considering when trying a horse; ask yourself: 'Am I having fun on this?' Ultimately, that's the reason most of us play polo. Don't fall into the trap of 'I am going

to grow into this'; if you are not enjoying the horse on day one, walk away from it. The chances are you'll never have fun on it. Of course, whether the horse has good confirmation, is pretty, mare or gelding etc. is important, but everything is secondary to whether he is easy and enjoyable to play.

## HOW MUCH SHOULD I PAY FOR A PONY?

Basically there are two approaches to buying your first pony. You could either go for an older schoolmaster or you can go straight to the 7/8 year-old fully made machine. The cheaper option is the schoolmaster with some age on it but you will have to accept that this will only be for a few seasons. You could expect to pay between £5,000 and £10,000.

If you decide to go for a pony that's going to last 10 seasons or more then the budget will be more in the order of £15,000-£20,000, with something capable of higher-goal polo, more expensive still. I would say anything less than this and you will be accepting some sort of compromise either with age or veterinary problems.

The clean, good-performance, low-mileage horse is very sought-after in the UK. There are never many about. Consider a winter holiday in Argentina (or even elsewhere in the southern hemisphere), were you will have far more choice.



## CONFORMATION

The way the horse is put together can be quite important. Without going into too much detail, there are a few things to look out for. A nice pony will have a pretty head with plenty of distance between the eyes, straight nose and a neck that connects well to the shoulders; a shortish back, wide feet, and short pasterns.

One thing to bear in mind if you are trying a thin horse, it might well change in demeanour once he is fed up and feeling well. Avoid trying skinny horses.

Try and get a sense of why the horse is for sale. Sometimes horses are brought over specifically to sell. That's fine, but if not, there is a reason for the sale. Perhaps this is a perfectly legitimate reason, but it's worth investigating.

## VETTING A HORSE

Once you have found your prospective pony, it is essential to have it vetted. Invariably, a few minor problems will show up. These might not necessarily be deal-breakers. Vets, understandably, will be covering themselves. It's often worth having an off the record chat with the vet after the examination to find out their honest opinion on whether the horse stands a good chance of lasting.

## TACK

If you can persuade the owner to throw in the tack too, all the better. If not, there are many options for buying your first set of tack. That will be dealt with in another article. But suffice it to say, we at Ham will help you through this process.

In conclusion, I would say that even with around 40 years experience of keeping and training polo ponies, I am still learning – every day! The subject is vast, but I have tried to outline some basic fundamentals here to help you start out. Owning your first horse is not the end of the matter, but more a licence to really begin learning.





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# ‘IF IT FITS, I SITS’

*By Dominika Ticha*

Choosing the right tack for your horse is just as important as regular dentist and farrier checkups and if chosen wrongly it might cause even more damage than one would think. A good riding relationship is all about balance and selecting the right tack is one way to help your relationship with your horse get off on the right foot.

So what is it that you have to keep in mind when it comes to buying tack for your pony?

## **FIT MATTERS**

We all have that one pair of shoes that causes us blisters or a pair of jeans so tight we struggle to breathe. No matter how beautiful we look in them we are always uncomfortable, experiencing some kind of pain or they lead us to other mishaps. Poorly fitting horse tack can cause similar problems. When your horse doesn't feel comfortable in its tack, the animal's performance and productivity will suffer, and behavioural problems could develop. Over time, poorly fitting tack can even cause long term injuries.

**SADDLE:** Just like humans, horses come in all kinds of shapes and sizes. You need to consider the anatomy of your horse as well as yours when it comes to choosing a saddle that's comfortable for you both. It's important to consider the fit of the saddle in terms of how it sits on your horse as well as whether it is big and wide enough. Sore back, bruises, rubs and burns are no fun to deal with.

**BIT:** Selecting a bit for your horse is all about getting the fit right. If your bit fits properly it shouldn't be causing your horse any kind of pain or discomfort. The two most common types of bits used in polo are gags and pelhams. Which kind of bit will you be using usually depends on the horse's 'preference' as well as on your experience.

**BRIDLE:** The bridle is another important piece of equipment where it's essential that it's comfortable for your horse. The sizes differ from PONY, COB to FULL and it's up to your personal choice which kind of leather you like the best.

**LEG PROTECTION:** Ensuring your horse's legs are well protected is a must! Nowadays there are varieties of options from the good old-school bandages and tendon boots to the new all in one light and breathable boots.

## **BUYING SECOND HAND**

While buying second hand tack can seem like a great idea, and a great saving, it can be more trouble than it's worth if you're not experienced in knowing what to look for especially with the saddles having a broken tree - the skeleton of the saddle. Stretched, cracking or badly worn leather is not something that will last you a long time either. If you still decide to give the second hand tack a go always make sure you know what you are buying.

Getting the right tack for your horse is as much about safety as it is comfort and quality. Many accidents and injuries could be avoided by better horse control, and better equipment so that the horse isn't fighting it and can perform in the best way possible. When you're purchasing equipment for your horse, and thinking through how best to care for it then please try to keep in mind all my words.





INTERVIEW:

# BREEDING A CHAMPION

with WILL HEALY

**WILL HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HORSES ALL HIS LIFE AND IN THIS INTERVIEW TELLS US ABOUT DEVELOPING A BLOOD LINE, SPOTTING AND TRAINING THE CHAMPIONS AND WHERE A FEW OF THE MOST FAMOUS HORSES HE'S MADE TRAVELED TO PLAY.**

There's no doubt Will has polo in his blood but how much do you know about the blood running through his horse's veins? This is a subject that plenty of the world's top polo players like to keep well abreast of. Read on to find out how a small almost 'boutique' polo breeding programme run by two Englishmen (Robert Graham and Will Healy) in the heart of Argentina's countryside is able to produce champion polo ponies. Despite just producing 15 to 20 foals a year the Estancia La Primavera bloodline is up there with competition like La Dolfina and Ellerstina who breed 500... every year... each!

**When and where did you first work in Argentina and when did you start to work with the horses at Estancia Primavera?**

I first went to work in Argentina in the winter of 1981/1982, I actually returned just as the Falklands conflict kicked off! That first year I worked for Hector Barrantes in Trenque Lauquen. Hector was a huge influence on my learning along with Tommy Wayman, the American 10 goaler and brother in law of Robert Graham. Hector and Tommy couldn't have had more different riding styles but I took a lot from both of them. I first went to Primavera in 1987.

**So what was the history of the breed before you joined them?**

Well, an Argentine gentleman farmer called Ricardo 'Dicky' Santamarina had a famous polo breed, he had bought some really good stallions over from England and the States to base his breed on. He was good friends with Robert, his wife Betsy and father in law Hap Sharp and he gave a

stallion to Robert and Betsy as a gift. The horse's name was Lord Miguel and he had just won the 'Best Stallion in Hand' at the Palermo Rural show in Buenos Aires.

Robert and Betsy began the programme at Estancia La Primavera, they didn't really know how far it was to go but they hoped to be able to mount Robert who was 6 goals at the time and playing in the high goal.

In 1980 the first five foals were born at the farm.

**Which mares were these first foals from and how did they find them?**

Basically all over the place! Some of the original mares were given and others found in some pretty obscure places in the middle of nowhere. You can find some great horses if you take the time to look for them and they may not come from the well known breeders.

**Of the broodmares you and Robert accumulated to build the blood line on, were there any particularly significant ones?**

Robert bought one called Mimosa from a Gaucho that turned out to be a very good playing mare. She then became one of the founding mares and all of her foals turned out exceptionally well. Her line is one of the most successful lines in the breed now.

**Which were the particularly successful horses that came from Mimosa?**

There were three that we subsequently bred from; Mirage, Hot Shot and Siren. The first two became brood mares early on; Mirage produced Califa (more on that horse to come!) and between them they produced many horses that played high goal in Argentina, England and the US.

**I understand that Siren has an interesting story.**

Yes, Siren was sent to England to play and be sold. She was a bit of a lazy mare to begin with but I played her in the 15 goal and she just developed into a speed machine!

We sold her to the Brunei Polo Team and she was played in the English high goal by Bautista Heguy. Eventually she got a knee injury and so we bought her back and took her back to Argentina to become a broodmare at Primavera. She passed away recently but we still have foals coming through the programme from her, last year her offspring Triton, Pocket Rocket and Terere all graduated to chukkas.

**And one of her very successful offspring was here at Ham for a while?**

Yes she is the mother of Ruidoso (Roo) who came to Ham for one year in 2103, he's fathered by the stallion Irenita Lunatico at La Irenita and was bred by embryo transfer. Roo came back to Ham in 2018 after playing the high goal and has just been sold to Aislynn Price.

**It's clear to see how successful the blood line is now but how many years of work did it take in development before the top class horses started to come through?**

The first horse that sold to a high goal team was in 1994 but we had to wait until 2003 when we finally got to see one of ours in the Open.

**Had that been an ambition for some time?**

To be honest it was a bit of a pipe dream. You can't really explain how much better they have to be to play there in the Open than just at 22 goal in the Gold Cup.



In the mid 90s they began producing horse lists from the breeders book for the spectators at Palermo. I was watching a game with Robert and I said one day we're going to have a horse on here! Robert just said 'Oh yeah Will!' and we carried on watching the game, neither of us knew it could actually happen.

**Were there any high goal players whose interest in the breed made a difference?**

Yes it was actually Javier Novillo Astrada's interest one day that made a big difference. He happened to be watching a Holden White game on a rather unimportant back ground at Ambersham and he spotted a horse called Mystica that I was playing in the third chukka. He came over after the game and asked if he could try her, I didn't actually think she was the best horse I had there that day but said yes. He tried her, liked her, bought her and she turned out to be pregnant! We took Mystica back to the farm so she could have the foal and then returned her to Javier. She won Best Playing Pony in the Coronation Cup the following year.

That was our introduction to the Novillo Astrada family and it was Miguel who took a particular like to the horses we were breeding.

**And of course it was Miguel who bought the very famous Califa.**

Yes I bought Califa over as a four year old, I played him at Cowdray in some 4 goal and frankly I could have run faster on foot! We were getting overtaken by everything, even the umpire pony!

He went out to the field for the winter and when he came back in the following season he just began overtaking everyone as well as becoming incredibly handy. He was becoming the kind of horse anyone could play a goal better than their handicap on, I called Miguel Novillo Astrada and said I think I've got something quite special here.

He tried him and bought him halfway through the Gold Cup for rather a small amount of money unfortunately! Miguel took him to Sotogrande for his brother Nacho that season and then wintered him back in England.

The following year he decided to give him a little trial in the early Queen's Cup games, just using him as a spare towards the end of a chukka so he would play a minute or two of competition polo. By the end of the Queen's Cup he was playing Califa for a full chukka, by the end of the Gold Cup he was playing him for two whole chukkas!

Miguel took him straight to Argentina after the end of the Gold Cup, the plan was to give him a few minutes of play







in the early Tortugas games as a trial. Califa was playing a whole chukka by the end of the tournament and when La Aguada reached the semi finals of the Hurlingham Open Miguel was double chukking him. Everything Miguel threw at the horse he just ate up and kept improving.

Miguel had his reservations about Palermo though, it's simply another level there. Califa played two full chukkas every game and they won the Open. The horse had gone in a relatively short space of time from playing 4 goal to helping La Aguada win the triple crown.

I actually spoke to the Best Playing Pony judges after the final and they said it was between Califa and a mare. They'd gone for the other horse as the Breeders are more interested in mares than geldings but for him to have been considered was incredible. He did then win the BPP award at Hurlingham in 2008.

**How many years did Robert play high goal on the Primavera horses and how many countries did he take them to?**

He played high goal on these horses from 1986 to 1995 and continued playing them until he passed away in 2019 aged 67. He played these horses in England, Argentina, France, Holland and Spain. But Primavera horses have found their way all over the world including the United States.

**There must have been some favourites along the way. Which were the horses that you and Robert enjoyed playing the most?**

Robert's favourites included Mariah and Condor, an Aguiluña foal who I also enjoyed playing at Ham in his later years. I've often thought what my all-time favorite 6 horses would be if I had to go and play a tournament. Funnily enough, 5 of them would be geldings: Calypso, Daz, Condor and Califa (all from Primavera), then Marcos, who got me to 3 goals when I was 20, and Mercedes, a mare I bought from Julian Hipwood.

**So what's the process a horse in the programme goes through to become a polo pony?**

We break them in at three years old which takes about 4 to 6 months. Then during the winter they work with the cattle whilst someone swings a stick round so they get used to that and a lot of the polo movements. Then at four years old we start to stick and ball them and play some slow chukkas.

**And what about the decision to break in all the young horses or just the mares?**

Well traditionally some breeders don't break in any of the geldings. We prefer to break in all of the horses each year. I believe a good gelding is consistently good but a mare will have good days and bad days.

**Obviously there's a point where you decide if a horse is to go on and play or stay for breeding. What are the main qualities you are looking for to keep enhancing the blood line?**

To me the most important thing is the mouth. Even if a horse isn't fast it's still commercial if it's easy to play. I wouldn't put a horse in to breed if it wasn't handy. Then you have to look at conformation and make sure they're not going to pass on any crookedness.

Now we are more established and know what the mothers have produced we can look to certain daughters to breed from. There's obviously never any guarantee when breeding horses!

**The Horse breaker obviously plays a huge part in starting the young horses well, you had quite a character working for you for some time?**

Yes, Don Luis was a great horse breaker, he had a gift. He was at Primavera from the early 1980s. He was one of the best gaucho rodeo competition riders in Argentina, his brothers were all very good too as they came from a horse breaking family.

His riding wasn't always the best to look at but he genuinely had a gift with horses, in the early days he could break 40 horses in a year sometimes even riding in the middle of the night. His results were always good; only very occasionally would he look at a horse and say it had the devil in it and wouldn't break it.

Don Luis carried on riding in rodeo competitions well into his 70s! The rodeo community tried tirelessly to make him retire and actually held several retirement ceremonies for him. He'd then just turn up at the next competition and ride! He worked at Primavera until around 2010.

It was a really good team working then; Don Louise breaking, Migule one of the Gauchos riding them with the cattle and playing their first chukkas and then me finishing them and preparing them for Robert or sale.

**Who did you get to take up the reins from Don Luis?**

His son in law Walter worked for a while and now we have Dario who has been with us for several years.

Ali Patterson actually brok in a number of horses for us one season: G Star who is in Argentina and then Casualidad, Sansa, Nina and Encantada who are all playing in England.

Ali has got on well with our horses actually, he bought Lord Georgie who he played in the high goal and won the Gold Cup whilst playing. He also bought Lirica for the high goal and played one of mine, Lord Drion (Daz) in some medium goal.

**And what's the latest news? Which Stallions are you currently using?**

Well we have had Lord Louis and Revelation (Califa's) brother at stud until last year. Gradually we have begun introducing some new blood using Irenita Lunatico (La Irenita), Dolfina Cuarteto (La Dolfina) and Clarine (La Irenita). We've been using embryo transfer more to boost the lines of our good mares.

Unfortunately a number of playing horses were affected by a poisonous weed on the Estancia a few years ago. They've all recovered but have subsequently been entered into the breeding program a little earlier than expected so there's some very good fresh blood now.

Very sadly and unexpectedly Robert Graham died in 2019, his family are keen that the bloodline continues so we expect to continue breeding. Robert had joked about cloning Jalapeno, Califa's brother who was a superb horse Robert kept for himself, and bringing him back as a Stallion. I'm not sure if we would have gone ahead and done it but it's interesting to bring in some new blood now.

**Everybody associated with Robert was very sorry to hear about his passing, he did a huge amount for this sport. It is wonderful that his family have continued to support the polo bloodline he developed. Which are the horses that we should look out for arriving in England this year?**

All being well, there should be some new arrivals this year. Terere, Malaguena, Fan Tan (a sister of Gala, Casina, Lalique- already at Ham) and 'Pipsqueak', a little grey mare, who I hadn't really rated but took me by surprise by performing brilliantly in the 16-goal recently!

**So finally Will what's the story with all the grey horses that keep appearing?**

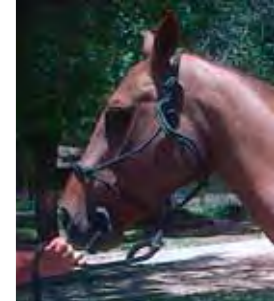
So a few years after we started we began using a grey stallion we bred ourselves from a slightly different Santamarina line. He's basically produced all these greys including Califa.

He had hundreds of foals and every single one was grey, it's actually quite unusual to have such a dominant gene.

**Well you can certainly recognise them!**

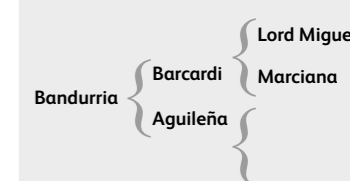


# PONY PROFILES:



**BANDURRIA (b.1999)**

This horse was broken in by Don Louise but actually literally broke Louise in return and we had to take him for stitches in his foot. I took the horse to the UK in 2005 and played her in some medium goal. Miguel Novillio Astrada bought her in 2006 and took her back to Argentina for the open, she went well but would get tired so he would play her in short spurts through the game. She returned to the UK for the Gold Cup, played well and went back to Argentina for the Open, this time she was stronger and better and stayed there in Miguel's Open string for many years. A niggling injury she picked up in the Gold Cup eventually meant retirement, she is now in the breeding program at La Aguada.



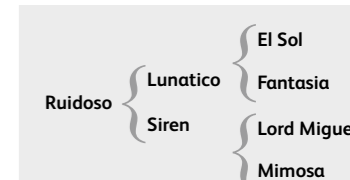
**SERRANO (b.2000)**

I began to play this horse in 2004/5 and we took him for a brief while to play at Robert's other Estancia, Quemquemtreau, in Patagonia. He's the brother of Timba, one of the very good playing horses in Argentina and Tequine, a horse we sold to Roman Abramovich for his daughter (who gave up polo and now Tequine lives the life of Riley in a huge field only hacking every day!). Serrano sold to Migule Novillio Astrada in 2007 and won BPP in Florida in 2008. He wasn't the most outstanding horse to me but Miguel really got a tune out of him. He was also played by the Coca Cola patron Jillian Johnson in the American high goal.



**RUIDOSO (b.2006)**

Roo was an Embryo transfer foal and one of the last horses Don Louise broke in. He was quite a handful at the Estancia but was clearly good. He came to the UK in 2013 and was at Ham with me where Miguel came to try him. He went for a trail with them and was then bought by Alejandro Novillio Astrada in 2014. He went straight to Spain for the 26 goal and then wintered in the UK and stayed here in their Gold Cup string. In 2018 Roo came back to Ham where I've been playing him and he's become a familiar face. This year Aislynn Price bought him from the Novillio Astradas.





# Stories behind some of our Prizes

by Geoffrey Godbold

If you can recall what a normal polo season is like, you will appreciate that prize giving is somewhat hurried and so there is little time to reflect on where our trophies came from and who the donors were.

Having had more time last summer, we started to introduce an element of remedying this which seemed to be appreciated. So we thought that it might be of interest to take a random selection of trophies and say a little bit about them.



## The DON ZOILO Trophy



Rated by Molly Walker, who was the Club Secretary when it was given to us, as 'that Horrible little cup', it actually is a fine replica of a Spanish copita, the glass from which sherry is traditionally drunk. But behind it lies a tale of intrigue and double-dealing which rocked not just the sherry world but also all Spanish business.

There was a Spanish sherry dealer, Jose Maria Ruiz Mateus, who in 1951, founded a company called Ruiz Mateus SA (aka Rumasa) with his brothers. Their family were not sherry producers but ran an almacenista which matured the grapes and sold them on to the producers. However, Jose Maria had ambitions to join the great names of sherry production like Harveys and Williams & Humbert.

In 1964 he signed a contract with Harveys to supply all their wine for the next 99 years - a contract which had until then been with 13 suppliers! The tale is one of very underhand dealings until Rumasa owned 800 companies and produced 2% of the GDP of Spain! Eventually it went bust in 1983 but, after a spell in prison, Jose Maria re-emerged, founded his own political party, became a member of the European Parliament, and relaunched Nueva Rumasa - only 117 companies this time! In 2011, the group faced a debt of £630million and Jose faced charges again of fraud and misleading investors. He died in 2015 and the investigations into his business dealings still go on.

So the 'horrible' little cup hides an equally horrible business tale! It was donated to the club as part of a day promoting sherry that featured a match with Spain's top polo players. When the players discovered Ramusa was sponsoring they almost did a runner! Luckily they agreed to play and Jose Maria Ruiz Mateus' Don Soilo trophy has been with us ever since.



## The PETER PITTS Trophy



From tales of fraud and prison sentences we move to just the opposite. Peter was a playing member of Ham in the 60s and early 70s. He was a very amiable, charming individual and his wife Dorothy and he made a very striking couple who were very popular in the Club.

He played with Ron Muddle in the Mudlarks team which was one of the five regular teams at the Club and was a good amateur player of 1 handicap.

In business, he was very successful in importing ceramic tiling from Italy and other Italian artifacts.

He eventually left Ham in the late 70s and went to Cowdray but he and Dorothy would always come back to the Club each year to present his trophy and, even after he died, Dorothy continued to do so.

But the reason we have selected him relates to one incident which was very unpleasant at the time and so still remembered today. He was playing in the second chukka when he was hit full force by the ball on his lower leg. In those days, there weren't shin protecting knee guards, some of us wore soccer shin pads as protection but more against the stirrup leather rubbing than protection from the ball. And boots were not specially designed for polo, they were normal waxed leather with no padding. (As an aside the first boots with padding on the outside were introduced by The Polo Shop, run by Sam Simmonds, which became Lodsworth Polo).

Back to Peter. As he dismounted for half-time, there was an enormous crack like a pistol shot as he put his foot on the ground and his leg broke!! They were tough in those days but he couldn't play on (surprise!) and was whisked off to hospital.



## The DAVID HEALY Trophy



Again this is not to talk about David and his acting career; where he was a star on stage, in films (he appeared in several James Bond films) and on television. You can read about his prodigious acting life elsewhere though the members will always remember going to watch his outstanding performance as Nicely Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls on the South Bank when he got five encores for his rendition of 'Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat'!!).

David was married to Peggy Healy and therefore of course the son-in-law of Billy Walsh. He was born in New York, although he spent most of his youth in Texas, he came to the UK in the American Airforce, with another acting friend Larry Hagman, met and married Peggy and never went back!!

He was a huge contributor to the Club. When he was 'resting' he would frequently be down at the ground doing something practical. His great passion was the installation of a watering system. It is hard to believe when you look at the main ground now that, until the watering system was put in XXXX, it would be a dust bowl from mid-July to the end of the season. Not only did it make the game difficult for the spectators to see, especially at its most exciting when there was a melee in the goal mouth, but it also meant that the players came off after the game looking as though they had been down a coal mine!!! Mind you washing the dust out of their throat did enhance the bar turnover!!

It was thanks to David, and the work of Andrew Harrison's father, Cyril (aka Harry), that we got the license from the Thames Authority to take water directly from the Thames. But the Club could not afford the pump and piping until XXXX. The players of today have a lot to thank him for.

One short story to finish: David and Larry Hagman remained very good friends and, after Larry became famous as JR in Dallas, he would often see that David got a supporting part in anything that he was in. One evening they were having a drink after shooting and Larry asked David what he was mainly doing now. Billy Walsh had virtually retired by then and David was often helping Peggy to run the polo which David told him adding in his usual super enthusiastic way 'You know, Larry, you should take up polo; all you need is a few horses and you would be away!' Larry, who was known for his lack of conversation off screen, replied with the immortal words 'Oh no, David, I don't want anything that eats while I sleep!!'

David was a player who played in a true amateur fashion – to have fun, keep a sense of humour, and swear at your pony whenever you did something wrong!!

Sometimes one can hear that wonderful twang still booming across the ground!!

## The JIMMY EDWARDS Cup

No account of the trophies at the Club would be complete without mentioning Jimmy Edwards.

Jimmy was an enthusiastic polo player as well as a well-known actor and comedian. He went to Cambridge University, flew in the RAF and was awarded the DFC, stood as an MP, and had a television series called Whacko, after which his polo team was named. Sadly he was 'outed' in the late 70s when being gay was still frowned upon by society. But he knew that at Ham Polo Club he would find friends who were indifferent and with whom he could have a good laugh.

So, until his early death in 1988 at the age of 60, he would turn up to present his Cup with his sister, Libby, and in an extraordinary car called an AMC Pacer which was a bit like a fish tank. If we were lucky, he would commentate one of the games. Fuelled with his favourite tittle, vodka and orange, he was not only hilarious but very forthright with many of his comments containing the 'f' word which both amused and shocked!! He also did not hold back in his criticism of poor play, frequently suggesting that the player should stay off the field until he (never she! Jimmy was too much of a gentleman to criticize a lady's play) had spent more time in effing practice. One of his greatest remarks came when a new player turned up in a very bright helmet; Jimmy's advice was that he should wait until he was a better player before drawing unnecessary attention to himself!!

But one can still hear his booming laugh and voice - happy days!!





# HAM V COWDRAY

*Going for Three Wins  
in a Row!*

Though Ham was the first club to restart polo in the UK post war, hot on its heels was Cowdray Park with the support of Lord Cowdray. This shared passion to get polo back in its feet quickly developed a close relationship between Ham and Cowdray.



The fixture between the two clubs has been played almost every year and dates back to the 1950s. Though it is a friendly match there is no hiding the intensely competitive spirit that has developed around it. With Cowdray dominating the leaderboard every Ham victory is celebrated. Following victories for Ham in 2019 and 2020 a win in 2021 would be the first time the red shirts have won three years in a row!

Whilst fixtures between Ham and Guards or the other historic and established clubs have often been forgotten this one has been preserved. Many thanks go to Cowdray for their support and continued invitation each year.

YEAR	WINNER
2003	HAM POLO CLUB
2004	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2006	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2007	HAM POLO CLUB
2008	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2009	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2010	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2011	HAM POLO CLUB
2012	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2013	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2014	CANCELLED
2015	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2016	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2017	HAM POLO CLUB
2018	COWDRAY POLO CLUB
2019	HAM POLO CLUB
2020	HAM POLO CLUB

1973



1976



1977



2006



2008



2009



2010



2018



2019



2020

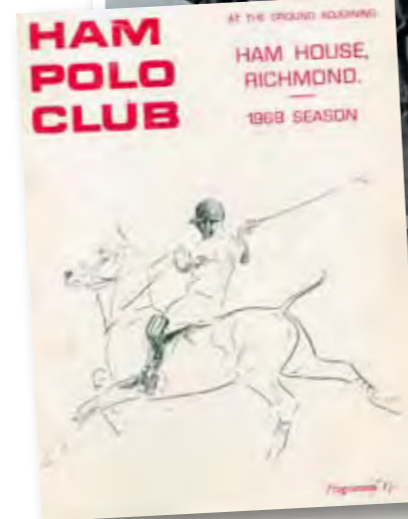




The 1950s



The 1960s



FIXTURE LIST  
1969 Season  
Ham House Grounds

Englefield	Home
Woolmers Park	Home
Windsor	Home
To be arranged	Home
Woolmers Park	Home
Windsor	Home
Charley Dog Show on behalf of the Royal Victoria Hospital	Away
Cowdray Park	Home
Ascott Cup	Home
Edward Taubert (Bow)	Home
Bansberg Cup	Home
Anthony Cup	Home
Sandy Lodge Trophy (Star & Carter)	Home
Stonington Cup	Home
Sandy Lodge Trophy - Final	Home
Woolmers Park	Home
Rerrison Cup - In Round	Away
Woolmers Park - Final	Home
Walsh Challenge Cup	Away
Cowdray Park	Home
Monday, 1st September	Away
Sunday, 7th September	Home
Sunday, 14th September	Home
Sunday, 21st September	Home
Sunday, 28th September	Home
Antman Cup	Home
Farewell Cup	Home

HAM POLO CLUB

Sunday, 11th May, 1969, at 3.15 p.m.

WINDSOR PARK		Versus		HAM		
Colours: Green & Red				Colours: Red		
No. 1	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales	1		No. 1	Sir David Brown	0
No. 2	The Marquis of Waterford	4		No. 2	S. Carden	0
No. 3	H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh	5	4 Chalks	No. 3	N. Williams	1
Back	Major M. W. F. Maxie	2		Back	R. Pike	1
Total Handicap		12	Result	Total Handicap		2

Umpires: Col. S. V. Kennell, M.C. and C. J. Hamilton.

The Silver Leys Trophy

POLO CLUB DU NORD		Versus		HAM		
Colours: White				Colours: Red		
No. 1	Albert Bruno Provost	0		No. 1	Sir David Brown	0
No. 2	Teddy Bonduel	0		No. 2	S. Carden	0
No. 3	Dominic Mottaz	0	4 Chalks	No. 3	N. Williams	1
Back	Herve Segard	0		Back	R. Pike	1
Total Handicap		0	Result	Total Handicap		2

Umpires: David Hoyle and R. Hamilton  
Commentator: A. Percy

WILMER COTTAGE

WILMER COTTAGE		Versus		DOUBLE VIEWS		
Colours: Blue				Colours: Red		
No. 1	P. Pitts	1		No. 1	Doug Brown	1
No. 2	T. Brodie	1		No. 2	Mrs. S. Michael	1
No. 3	J. Darnell	1	4 Chalks	No. 3	P. Buckenham	1
Back	E. Taubert	0		Back	W. Walsh	1
Total Handicap		2	Result	Total Handicap		3

Umpires: David Hoyle and R. Hamilton  
Commentator: A. Percy

Games commence at 3.15 p.m.  
See "The Times" Club announcements on Saturdays for last minute details.



The 1970s



HAM POLO CLUB  
SATURDAY, 24th MAY, 1976  
1.15 p.m.

**FINAL - ASCOT CUP**

THE BEES		WINDSOR COYLAZE	
Colour: Red & Blue		Colour: Light Blue	
No. 1 - B. Williams	4	No. 1 - A. Petherick	0
No. 2 - M. Egan	2	No. 2 - C. Trickett	0
No. 3 - B. Martin	0	No. 3 - B. Crispwell	0
No. 4 - J. Ashby	0	No. 4 - J. Trickett	0
Total Goals 4	4	Total Goals 0	0

**A CLUB MATCH**

LAUNCH		SHIRE TERS	
Colour: Green		Colour: Red	
No. 1 - B. Gordon-Ross	0	No. 1 - M. P. Harty	0
No. 2 - C. Adams	0	No. 2 - B. Hall	0
No. 3 - A. Parkinson	0	No. 3 - M. Parkinson	0
No. 4 - M. Ripper	0	No. 4 - B. Hall	0
Total Goals 0	0	Total Goals 0	0

Referee: C. C. Pugh  
Timekeeper: R. C. Smith

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The 1980s



**THE 1989 CHAMPION POLO BENEFIT**  
HAM POLO CLUB - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1989  
PARADE OF CELEBRITIES IN CLASSIC AMERICAN CARS 2.00 p.m.  
WITH THE CORPS OF DRUMS AND BAND  
for the WESSER'S REGIMENT (RIFLE VOLUNTEERS)

**MATCH 1 - The Champion Trophy (4 chukka match)** 2.30 p.m.

WESSER'S	THE ASSOCIATION
Michael Brown	4
P. P. Wain	0
John (Tony) Khan	0
Edward (Edward) C. C. C.	0
Edward (Edward) C. C. C.	0
Total Goals 0	Total Goals 0

**MATCH 2 - The Champion Celebrity Bowl (4 chukka match)** 5.30 p.m.

WESSER'S	THE ASSOCIATION
Michael Brown	4
P. P. Wain	0
John (Tony) Khan	0
Edward (Edward) C. C. C.	0
Edward (Edward) C. C. C.	0
Total Goals 0	Total Goals 0



# Thank YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the players who supported Ham Polo Club in 2020

Ham Polo Club only exists with the support of the dedicated players who return year after year. 2020 was the hardest year to face in the club's 94 year history. The players who joined, brought their horses in and stuck with us through Covid playing restrictions made the season happen.

The Board would also like to thank the amazing team working at Ham for their perseverance in hugely challenging circumstances.



We wish everyone involved a much better 2021 season!





# Andy (Andreas) Arghyrou

20th August 1942 – 10th April 2020



It is with great sadness that the Club has been informed that Andy (or The Arg, as he was affectionately known) has died from CV19.

Andy appeared at Ham Polo Club in 1980/81 and from the beginning it was obvious that he would become one of the great characters at Ham. His parents were Greek Cypriot and ran a seaside teashop but Andy went into the advertising industry on the creative side. He became a multi-award winning director at Abbot, Mead, Vickers, one of the industry's new and impressive agencies.

Peter Mead, one of the founders, wrote about his great friend in the industry press 'One of the most iconic characters ever to work at AMV died in hospital. His name was Andy Arghyrou and he was a member of the great team of art directors that David Abbott and Ron Brown put together in the very early days of the agency. Andy – or The Arg, as he was always known – quickly became a central figure in the creative department. Every company should have people like The Arg'.



And he brought that same character to Ham. He regularly rode out with Billy Walsh on the hilarious Saturday morning rides; he became a proficient and fun 1 goal polo player (who winced when being referred to as 'the grand old man of polo' at prize giving!); was a regular member of Chris Tauchert's Wilmer Cottage team; and a hard working and incredibly helpful member of the General Committee.

The memories of him are numerous. A slight unwillingness to be first to the bar (countered by his equal generosity in giving one of his ponies to Julian Deeming when he retired), his frustration that he could not get his sticks into his silver Porsche 911 (reg. ARG 1) and the legend that, at his wedding, you could see the altar between his knees!! He also had a wicked and very funny sense of humour, giving his fellow players totally appropriate nicknames and never losing his cool on the field of play. And he was equally cool in his fashion sense (very advertising creative!) and in his way of life attending early Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan concerts. And bizarrely had the most amazing and intriguing collection of old iconic vintage tins!

He married Charlotte and they had a son, George, and a daughter, Anastasia.

Those of us who had the great joy of knowing him remember what a lovely character he was and how we have missed seeing him in recent years.

Two final The Arg memories: His joy at being involved in the presentation to Princes William and Harry of their HPC sweatshirts when they visited the Club in the late 80s. And, before we had the watering system, David Healy and he watering the ground in the particularly hot summer of '86 – with watering cans!! A typical example of his dedication and love for the Club!

Written by Geoffrey Godbold

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