



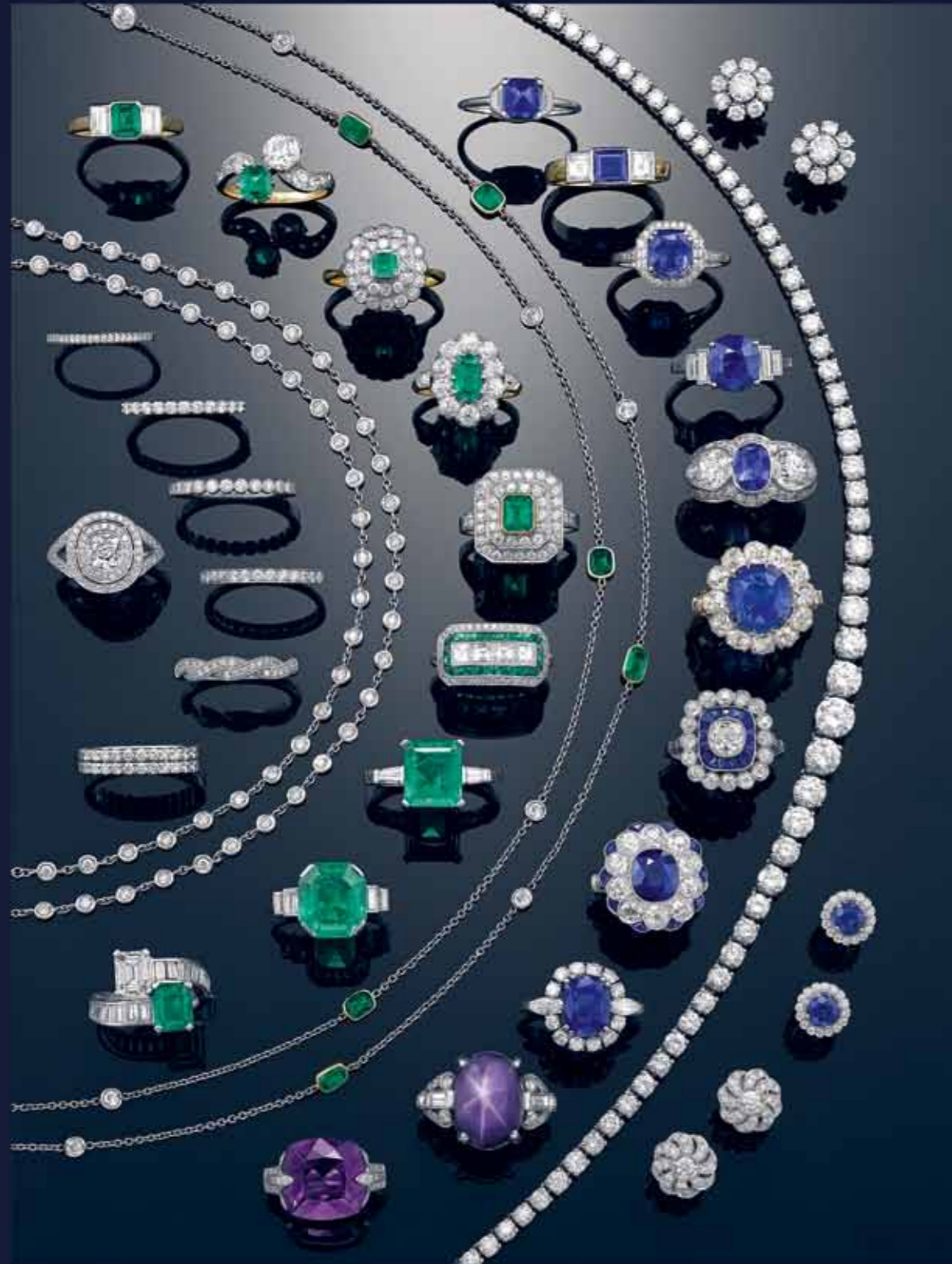
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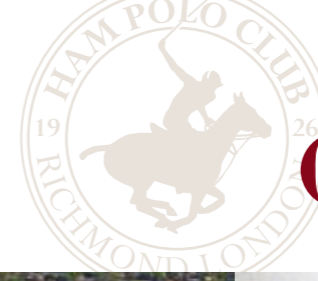
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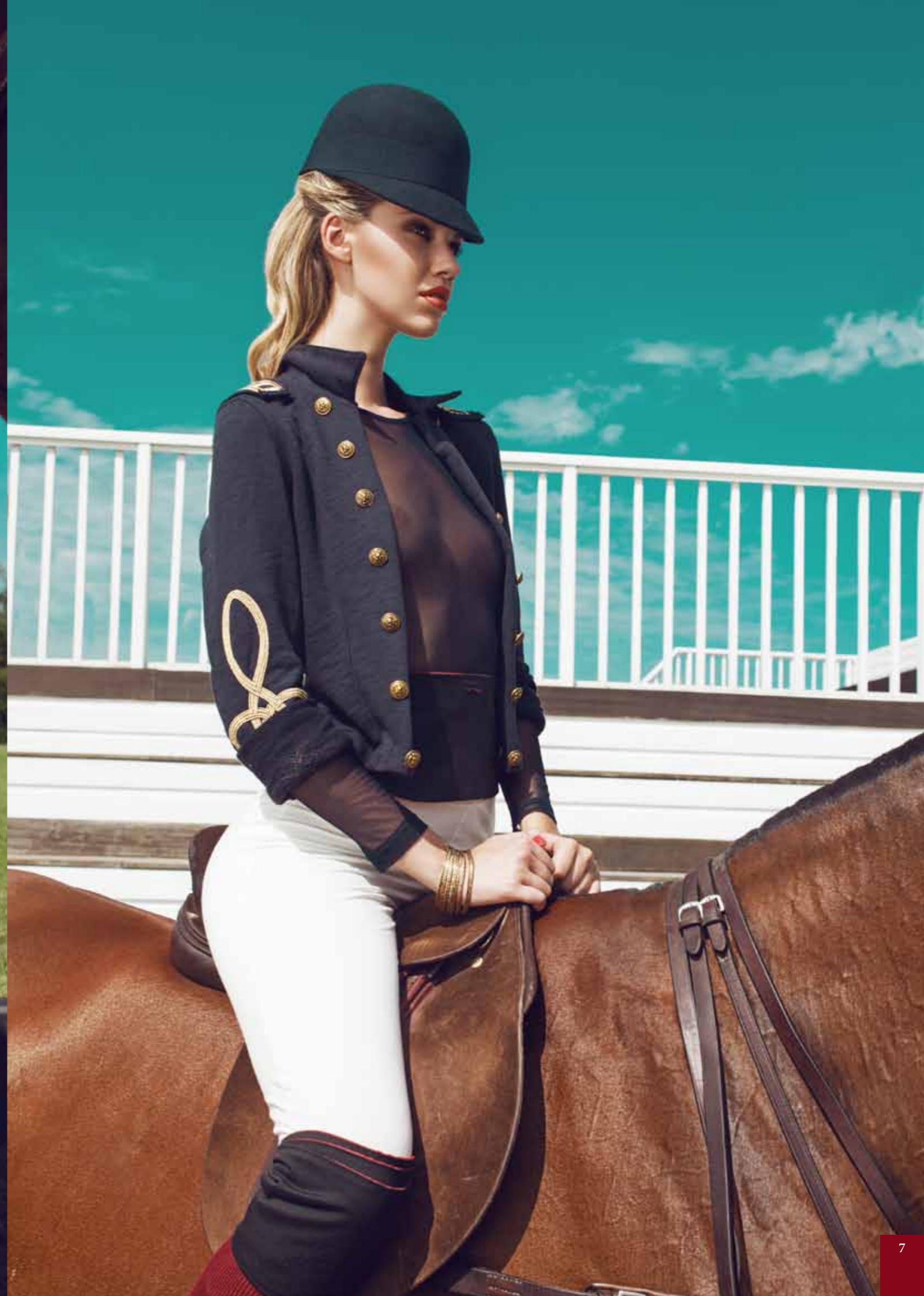
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FASHION

BY GABOR SZANTAI

Gabor Szantai's talent at photography has led him to work with top international brands and models. Some of his favourite shoots however have been on location at Ham Polo Club mixing high fashion with equestrianism and in some cases a uniquely rustic canvas. Here he showcases some of his favourite images from the last few years of shooting fashion at one of England's most picturesque polo clubs.





LAUREUS POLO CUP 2018



Supporting legends and Laureus Academy Members Sean Fitzpatrick, Edwin Moses, Daley Thompson and Hugo Porta joined celebrities at Ham Polo Club on June 21 for the 2018 Laureus Polo Cup.

Also attending the exhibition match were British track and field athlete Morgan Lake, England Rugby World Cup winner and Laureus Ambassador Nolli Waterman, former Paralympic wheelchair rugby star and Laureus Ambassador Andy Barrow, celebrity figures Georgia May Foote and Olivia Grant and Made in Chelsea star Louise Thompson.

The event, which raised funds to support the work of The Fundación Laureus Argentina, saw the best Polo players in the world compete in an exhibition match. Representing teams sponsored by Alfi Investments and B3 Medics, ten-goal players Juan Martin Nero, David 'Pelon' Stirling and Alberto 'Pepe' Heguy were joined by Argentinian polo legend and Laureus Ambassador, Eduardo Heguy.

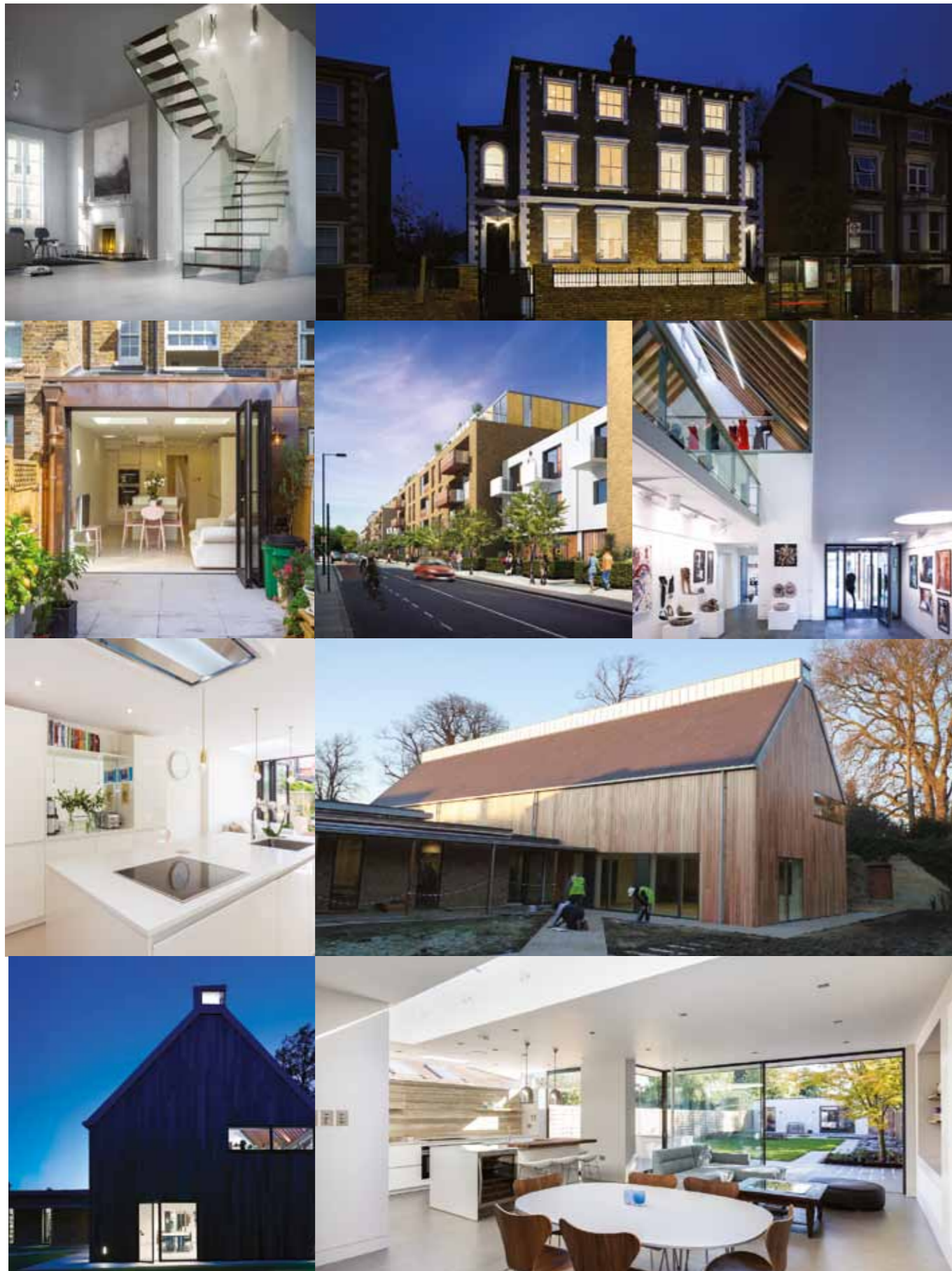
After the match, guests were treated to cuisine served up in the style of a traditional Argentinian Asado. Guests also enjoyed tequila cocktails, including Margaritas, Palomas and Espresso Martinis from an exclusive bar provided by Patrón Tequila, alongside beer provided by Skinny Brands.

Speaking at the Laureus Polo Cup, Laureus Academy Member and Chairman of the Fundación Laureus Argentina, Hugo Porta, said: "The Laureus Polo Cup is such an important event for us in Argentina, and we are so thankful for the support we receive. Having the best polo players in the world taking part is a real treat, but the fact that everybody comes together to help raise funds to support the work we do is incredible. This event enables us to use the power of sport to improve the lives of young people who need it most."



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Ham Polo Club is one of London's historic sporting clubs that, once visited, creates a very special memory of a unique and exhilarating experience.

Nestling between 17th and 18th Century Mansion houses and Stately Homes along the banks of the River Thames at Petersham, Richmond, the club is the custodian of 23 acres of beautiful greenery which perfectly complement the Arcadian charm of the area.

Sunday matches are open to the public who are invited to share in the fun with their hampers and champagne on the tailgate on our main ground's picnic side. Members and their guests enjoy the luxury and charm of our clubhouse with its first rate restaurant, well stocked bar and top deck viewing platform.

Even after 30 years of attending the club, first as guest then as social member graduating to player and finally joining the General Committee, I can honestly say that I never tire of long summer days at Ham. The gusto of the polo is beautifully balanced by relaxed luncheons with friends, and the quaint presentation of match prizes with – short.hmm! – speeches and lofted silver trophies is evocative of a thoroughly British tradition of gentlemanly sporting passion and pride.

And yet the club, like the sport of polo, is highly international with players and members at Ham originating from India, Argentina, Australia and from across the EU, Europe and the globe which, as in cricket, creates positive cultural interactions and binding global friendships.

Polo in London is progressive. We are rightly proud of the decades long practice of the men and women playing together and our global partnerships with other clubs around the world. Our work to bring youngsters through the Academy helps keep equestrianism alive in Richmond Park and environs and teaches youngsters the joys of taking care of our wonderful ponies.

And yet despite – or perhaps because – of this cosmopolitan mixture of elegance and dignity Ham has never lost its friendly, family and fun roots which fills one with bonhomie when coming along to the club.

I very much look forward to seeing all our members, their families and our most welcome guests at the club for another wonderful season of fun filled bonhomie!

Howard Davis – Chairman

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



It was with regret that I was unable to attend many events at the club this year due to a very heavy business schedule for which, as your President I must humbly apologise.

However, on the day I managed to make it to the club I have to admit, my 300 guests and I had a truly unique experience. On a lovely balmy sunny day in July my wife, Fazila and I welcomed our guests to the Cheval Residences Polo Day in what proved to be not only a lovely day, with a delicious luncheon, but also some superb polo entertainment to keep us all enthralled – a great success. Thank you all.

We have found it is an exceptionally delightful way to host our business friends and partners where they can relax and enjoy the pleasures of what our amazing club can offer and I am forever grateful to the Chairman, Committee, Caterers and Members of the club for permitting us to share the very special venue at Ham Polo Club.

I will certainly be back next season and hope to see more of you all in 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed Almarzooqi'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Mohammed Almarzooqi – President



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We saw many of The Boodles favourites making headlines at the ATP World Tour Finals at the end of the 2018 season. This included Zverev, Djokovic, Thiem and Anderson. Djokovic and Zverev have performed at The Boodles on many occasions so it was a pleasure to see Zverev become the 2018 ATP World Tour Finals Champion.

For more information or to book your places for 2019, please visit www.theboodles.com or call the dedicated booking line on 0207 384 4877.

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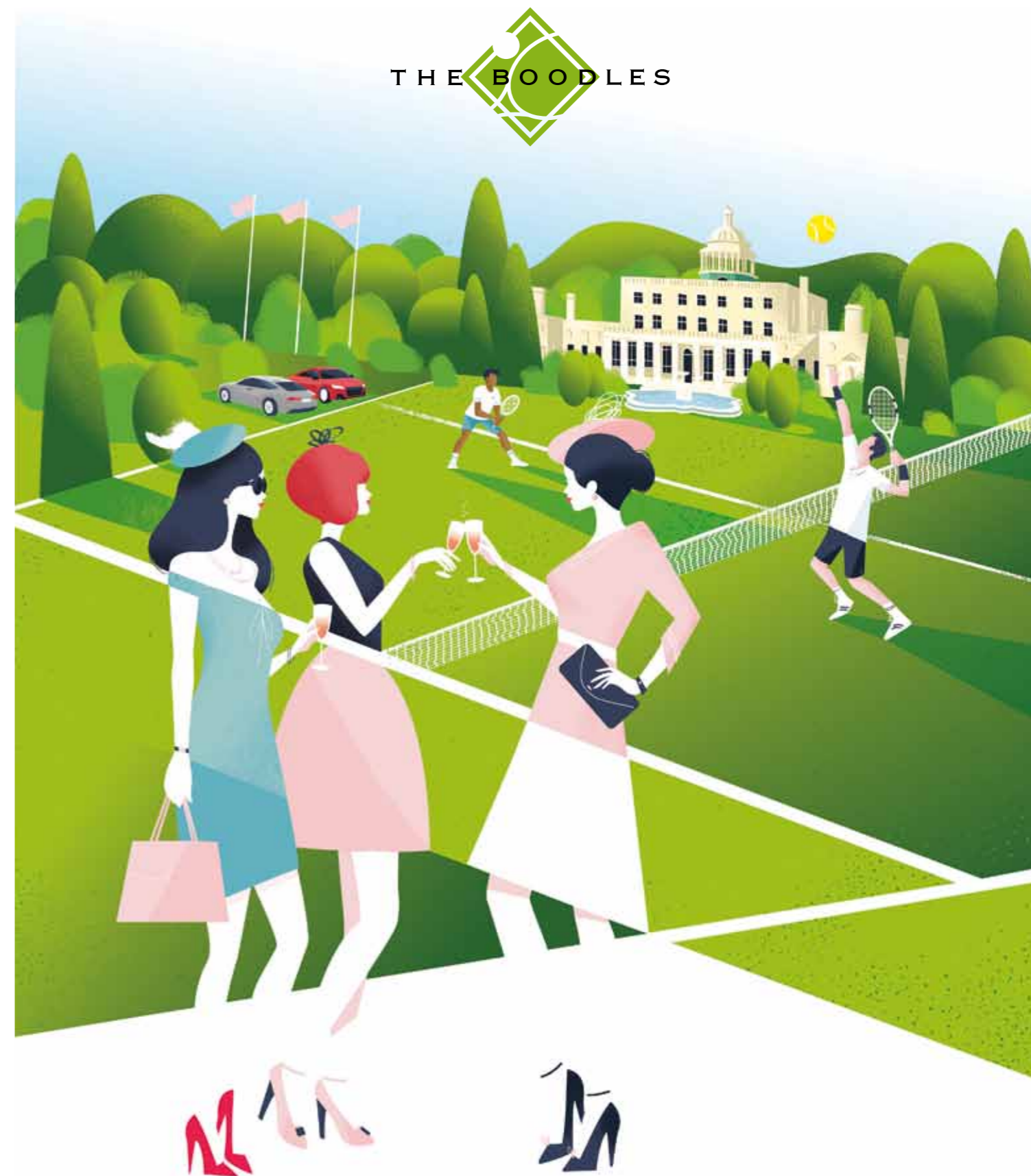
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PRIZE: The Winner will receive 4 tickets for Saturday 29th June. These tickets will give you entry to Stoke Park, access to the Garden Bar where lunch and tea will be on offer together with reserved stadium seats, within 12 metres of the tennis elite.

QUESTION: Which 2018 player from The Boodles went on to win the 2018 ATP World Tour Finals?

A. Novak Djokovic B. Kevin Anderson C. Alexander Zverev

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THE CHEVAL RESIDENCES POLO *Day*

Polo on Sunday 8th July included the annual Cheval Cup and fell during the long hot summer of 2018.

The Cheval Cup is sponsored by luxury London based serviced apartment specialist Cheval Residences – now Cheval Collection – who welcomed guests from all over the UK, including colleagues, clients, partners, media and industry contacts. Cheval hosted over 260 guests with a luncheon and afternoon of polo to thank everyone for their continued support of the brand.

After effusive welcomes the chat was all about the sport of polo as knowledgeable guests explained the rules to others and inspected the field. A highlight for many was the opportunity to try the polo wooden horse and realise just how much power and balance is required to play the sport.

With renewed respect the guests crowded to the edge of the field to watch as the players emerged and the power of horse and player became strikingly clear as they charged past, shaking the ground as they raced by.

The Cheval guests settled into sunshine and an incredible meal while watching the first half of dramatic polo between the teams Cheval Blanc and Cheval Noir.

A nail biting first half saw the scores almost tied but Cheval Noir just in the lead.

Half time also offered the brilliant opportunity to inspect the power of the horses again as guests walked onto the field to take part in stomping the divots. During play the patches of grass which are torn up by the polo horses' quick movements could be damaging. Spectators assist by walking over the field stomping back in all the loose items of grass to make the field safer for players and horses. Stomping the divot also helps spectators to understand the scale of the polo field and the speed with which player and pony transverse the ground.

The second half players fought hard and winners were Cheval Blanc captained by Gus Prentice.

The drama of the match concluded with spectators gathered around the champions to applaud the cup winners.

Mohammed Almarzooqi, Managing Director of Cheval Group, concluded what was an incredible afternoon thanking and celebrating the skill of the champion polo players.

The Cheval Polo Cup has undoubtedly become a striking moment in the season which all spectators are eagerly awaiting in 2019.

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To be involved in the Junior Academy, a child will need to be able to ride and hit the ball sufficiently well; lessons for this purpose are available. HPA membership is compulsory.

SATURDAYS

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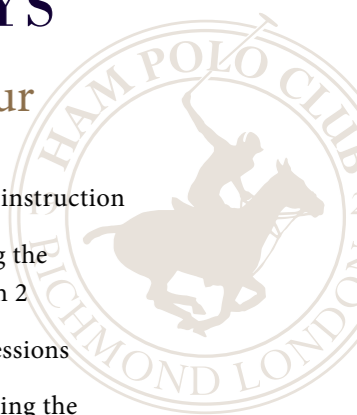
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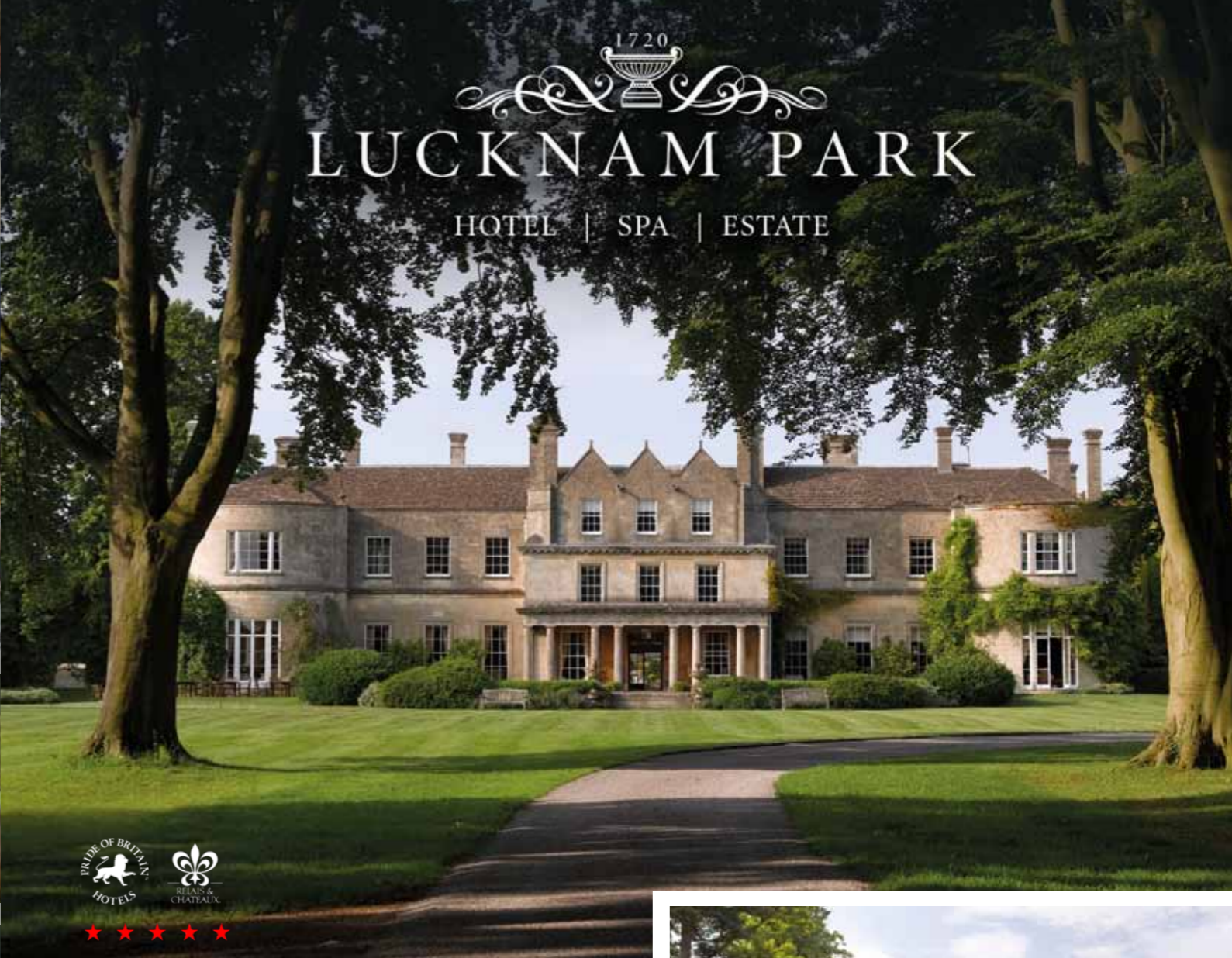
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FIXTURES 2019

FEBRUARY

Sunday 10th	● Copa Califa, La Esperanza, Argentina
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MARCH

Saturday 9th	● Ham vs Accra PC, Accra PC, Ghana
Monday 25th	Polo Liveries Open

APRIL

Thursday 11th	● Pre season Cocktail Party (Ticketed Event)
Thursday 25th	Provisional date for first chukkas

MAY

Sunday 5th	Opening of the Polo Season Anthony Cup Erskine Trophy Double Bett
Saturday 11th	● Ham House Tournament Matches
Sunday 12th	● Ham House Tournament Final Day Hine Cognac
Saturday 18th	● RAF Cranwell Tournament, RAF Cranwell ● League – David Healy
Sunday 19th	H R Owen Trophy BBVA Bowl ● R.A.F. Cranwell Tournament, R.A.F. Cranwell
Friday 24th	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 25th	● Mixed Doubles Tournament Matches
Sunday 26th	● Mixed Doubles Tournament Matches Social Committee Cup
Monday 27th	● Mixed Doubles Tournament Final Day ● Goal Cup (Final) ● Club Open Day

JUNE

Saturday 1st	● League – David Healy
Sunday 2nd	Richmond Park Cup Doug Brown Plate
Friday 7th	● Summer Ball (Ticketed Event)
Saturday 8th	● League – David Healy
Sunday 9th	Tiger Tops Tiger Mountain ● BCS Cup ● Ham vs RAF Polo Team
Friday 14th	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 15th	● Petersham Bowl Tournament matches ● Hurlingham 150 (Ticketed Event)
Sunday 16th	● Petersham Bowl Tournament Final Day ● John Player Plate (Sub Final)
Wednesday 19th	Midsummer Polo Match, Richmond Park
Thursday 20th	● Laureus Polo Cup (Ticketed Event)
Saturday 22nd	● League – David Healy ● AAP Day (Ticketed Event)
Sunday 23rd	Tigerstream Ventura-Pauly Trophy June Bamberg
Sunday 30th	● Summer Tournament Final Day ● Rosie Adams Bowl (Final) ● Rerrieson Trophy (Sub Final)

JULY

Friday 5th	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 6th	● League – David Healy ● Asia Cup (Ticketed Event)
Sunday 7th	Edward Tauchert Bowl Peter Pitts II Cheval Polo Cup
Saturday 13th	● Stepien Lake Tournament
Sunday 14th	Godbold Trophy ● Stepien Lake Tournament Finals
Friday 19th	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 20th	● League Final – David Healy
Sunday 21st	Gold Cup – Cowdray Park Don Zoilo
Saturday 27th	● Coronation Cup (Ticketed Event RCBPC) ● No polo HPC
Sunday 28th	Quatros Amigos ● Ham vs Accra PC

AUGUST

Friday 2nd	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 3rd	● Lux Afrique (Ticketed Event)
Sunday 4th	● Argentine Ambassadors Cup Finals
Saturday 10th	● League – Peggy Healy ● Inner Circle Polo Festival (Ticketed Event)
Sunday 11th	Finalista Cup
Friday 16th	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 17th	● League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 18th	Indian Army Trophy ● Stagshead – Young England
Saturday 24th	● League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 25th	● Roehampton Cup Tournament Finals Critchley
Monday 26th	Club Matches Polo Pony Show League – Peggy Healy
Friday 30th	● Friday Polo Session
Saturday 31st	● HPC Ladies Trophy ● HAC 105 Cup (Ticketed Event) ● Ham vs Newport, Newport PC, USA

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st	● HPC Ladies Trophy Finals Autumn Cup Peter Pitts I
Saturday 7th	● League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 8th	Hunt Kendall Bowl Polo Challenge Candilio Cup
Saturday 14th	● Ham vs Cowdray away, Cowdray Park ● League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 15th	Jimmy Edwards Trophy Comedy Society Player of the Match David Brown Cup, Richmond Park Closed
Friday 20th	● Players' Dinner (Ticketed Event)
Saturday 21st	● League – Peggy Healy
Sunday 22nd	● Billy Walsh Tournament Final ● Kingfisher ● The Floating Seat
Saturday 28th	● League Final – Peggy Healy
Sunday 29th	Farewell Cup Asprey Red Cross Cup Aylesford Trophy Gurkha Welfare Trust ● Season Finale After Party (Ticketed Event)



●	Tournament Final
●	Visiting Team
●	Saturday League Day
●	Social
●	Away Match





SUNDAY POLO

Visitors are welcome at Ham Polo Club on match days. Matches are held every Sunday afternoon starting at around 1:00 p.m. please check the website for the day's programme of matches.

Sunday entry for visitors: pre-paid prices £10-£15 (under 13s free).

There is plenty of parking and a picnic space for visitors along the pitch sidelines.

Food and drinks can be bought in the picnic area.

Visitors may bring their own food and drink, BBQs are not permitted.



Ham Polo Club Location

Ham Polo Club, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 7AH. The Nearest Tube and Train Station to the Polo Club is Richmond. To get to the club from there by Taxi takes 5 minutes, alternatively the Number 65 bus stops outside the club gates. Walking along the river from Richmond takes 25 minutes.

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THE FRIDAY POLO SESSIONS

In May, June, July & August

For 2019 Ham Polo Club will be open on seven Friday evenings with polo, food, drink and live music. What better way to start your weekend than with sundowners in the Clubhouse whilst the play thunders past on the immaculate grass of Ground 1.

Live music will be played throughout the evening with a DJ taking over later on. Please check the website for further details. Tickets can be pre-booked for £25 on the website.

Dress Code

(Picnic area): Casual

(Club house): Smart

Casual shorts must be tailored, no sportswear. Smart jeans permitted.

Weekend polo is subject to weather, the club reserves the right to cancel polo if weather conditions are deemed too wet or dangerous for play. In this instance all pre-bought tickets will be refunded.

The Clubhouse and enclosure is reserved for Ham Polo Club members and their guests only.

No translation of rules will be acceptable.

The Polo club is available for venue hire throughout the year.

Please Note:

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THE STEPIEN LAKE

Tournament

A brief return to two goal as the Stepien Lake Tournament takes place. Poor weather and unplayable grounds had caused a delay to this tournament but following the postponement it got under way. The first semi final on Wednesday 18th between Andina and Vendetta saw Andina keep the lead through the game, in the end edging out winners by a goal and a half.

In the Saturday group game Hugs & Co. played Tchogan. In this match Tchogan dominated play with the polo star from Pakistan Hamza Mawaz single handedly controlling the game to put his team into the final.

The final between Andina and Tchogan was played earlier than usual due to the Gold Cup Final at Cowdray. In the match Mawaz was in fine form again, producing some magnificent goals for his team. Andina did manage to bring back the scoreline but it was not enough with Mawaz just as dominant in defence as he was in attack. In the end it was an emphatic 9-4 win for Tchogan with Patron Heiko Voelker collecting the trophy along with his son Max. Thanks must go to Stepien Lake for supporting the tournament and continuing to be one of Ham's major sponsors.

In the Subsidiary Final were Hugs & Co. and Vendetta. The match was a feast of polo with 17 goals scored between the teams. It was great to see two Ham teams playing well with so many goals shared between them. In the end Hugs & Co. took the win.



TCHOGAN

Max Voelker	-1
Heiko Voelker	0
Hamza Mawaz	3
Simon Lo Gatto	0
Total	2

HUGS & CO.

Sebastian Tarnowski	-2
Hugo Davis	1
Benjie Davis	1
Gus Prentice	2
Total	2

IMPAVIDO

Tom Sime	-2
Stephen O'Kane	0
Ed Courage	1
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THE POLO BCS

Cup

BY HOWARD DAVIS

Back on the hot Summer's Sunday that was the 10th of June Ham Polo Club came alive to some of the most extraordinary pageantry ever seen at the club. The day started with our, as ever, exciting annual Ham vs RAF match and we were privileged to hear stories of the RAF's new VTOL F35B fighter planes, the fitting successor to the much adored Harrier Jump Jet, from Air Vice Marshal Chris Nickols Hon. President of the RAF Polo Association.

But the afternoon was only just taxi-ing on to the runway...hmm polo ground... because in front of his Excellency the Japanese Ambassador 大使 Kouji Tsuruoka our longstanding Japanese partners BCS (British Country Spirit), under the guidance of their dynamic young director Haruhito Takai 高井さん, a festival of Japanese horsemanship and culture was about to begin.

First we had a tremendously colourful and memorable display of Kiba Dakyu, a game closely related to polo with its origins along the China Silk Road and said to have been played by Emperors, with a martial arts group from Hachinohe City. Takashi Yamanouchi presided as Master of Ceremonies and two skilful young riders Masanao Itabashi and Tomohisa Maeda played the game for us with traditional wooden saddles, long sticks with nets and wearing their traditional Kimono. The event, being played for the first time outside Japan was conducted gracefully and skilfully by Master Yamanouchi and his young exemplars.

BCS, HPC's partner for the past seven years, is proud to promote Britain with its polo culture, country style and heritage in Japan and the inauguration of the BCS Polo Trophy, to be played for annually at HPC, is the result of

much hard past effort by Takai San, BCS's charming UK representative Ozawa San (known affectionately as Ozzie) and the whole team at Ham over the years.

Then came the BCS Polo match. This match, played in the spirit of Anglo-Japanese friendship exemplified by the increasing co-operation between the RAF and the Japanese Defence Force, was between an HPC British team and a BCS Japanese team that included star Japanese polo player Yuichiro Yoshimura one of only a few players in Japan. Yuichiro is known to all his friends as Ichiban (一番) because he's the number one player in Japan!

Ichiban is a highly capable horseman who has run a horse trekking farm for some time in Japan. Having played polo since about three years ago under the tuition and guidance in England & Argentina of Ham's polo manager Will Healy he is fast becoming a good player. During this second exciting match of a wonderfully evocative day Ichiban saw his team win by scoring the winning goal in front of a large crowd including a big contingent of the British Japanese Chamber of Commerce who had kindly supported the event thanks to the work of local resident Akemi Graham.

So in fitting fashion (forgive the pun!) the Japanese team won and BCS director Takai San presented Captain Ichiban with the new and exquisite trophy carved with the symbolic and beautiful Sakura flower on its pedestal.

The club was immensely proud to host this first BCS trophy and with Japanese Ambassador Kouji Tsuruoka and more than one hundred Japanese new friends of the club on hand to see this memorial event we rightly feel that a precious connection has been struck between these two ancient island nations.



HAM POLO CLUB AWAY IN COURANCES BY WILLIAM HEALY

Bleary-eyed I unlocked the office door and stepped in. At that moment the alarm started blaring and simultaneously my mobile rang... an 'unknown caller' from France, the start of another day at Ham....usually at least I get a chance to sit down first. It was early morning on a warm July day in 2017. The caller was a guy who said he ran some property near Paris. It turned out to be Patrick Deedes a charming Englishman, estate manager of the glorious Château de Courances just outside Fontainebleau. They had recently hosted the FIP ambassadors tournament hence the contact through Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers. Patrick told me they had just bought a Briggs irrigation system similar to ours and as they had no idea how to use it could he bring his groundsman over to learn the ropes? Several weeks



later a very French groundsman duly appeared and although he didn't speak a word of English and Charlie Ham's French is a little rusty he got the gist. Further to this Patrick was very keen to invite a Ham team to Courances to play in a tournament at their fledgling club. Fontainebleau happens to be twinned with Richmond and there was talk of combining with the anniversary celebrations that year but for one reason or another it didn't come off. And so we made plans for the 2018 season. From the outset it was clear that Patrick was particularly interested in getting young people to take up the game having a daughter Eleonore playing already. He was very excited by our Junior Academy programme and so Lucy was invited to join the team along with Howard, who had recently become Chairman, and Benjie Davis.

So it was that first thing one early June morning we bundled Benjie into a people carrier (we had had a Friday evening polo party the night before) and we set off for Gatwick. On arrival we found the French train drivers were on strike and the train stopped short of where we wanted to go. Patrick happily picked us up from Gare du Nord where we were stranded and took us to the Polo de Paris club where we had been invited to lunch by the owners of Courances, Serge and Lauren de Ganay. After a very pleasant lunch – we tried to partake in moderation knowing that we had a polo match in the afternoon but we failed miserably – we were whisked away to the countryside.

Arriving at Château de Courances you are immediately struck by the grandeur of the place. But we had no time to look around as ponies and teams were waiting for us at the polo ground. We dropped off our luggage and off we went. The combination of a very good lunch and some challenging ponies meant that we didn't do as well as we had hoped.

But that was made up for by an invitation to dinner in Fontainebleau by Patrick and his delightful family. The old town is truly stunning and is

dominated by the enormous chateau built by Napoleon for Josephine. The next morning we were given a tour of the house and grounds by Patrick. The chateau had been used as an HQ by both sides during World War II ending up as Montgomery's base. His vast billiard table still sits in one of the drawing rooms. The story was he gifted it to the owners on his departure. But Patrick let us in on the fact that it had been so difficult to get in Monty really couldn't be bothered to try and get it out again.

Later in the morning we were back at the polo ground drawing lots on which horses to play. We were a little more comfortable on the second day and after a hard fought match we were just beaten by a strong team from Düsseldorf. Sandwiches and beer followed on the side of the pitch, a farewell to new friends and we were off again to the airport.

Mission accomplished on two fronts; during both matches we managed to get the local youngsters involved as one of us dropped out a few chukkas to let them play. And we firmly established another fixture for Ham teams in the future to play in a very beautiful and different setting.



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THE ARGENTINE CLUB

Cup Tournament

A newly added tournament at four goal level for 2017 was rechristened the Argentine Club Cup in 2018. Four teams entered and following the semi finals Fast Fish and Vendetta had each booked a spot in the final. At this point in 2018 Vendetta had consistently featured in tournament finals and picked up plenty of silverware. The Fast Fish team, patroned by Chinese player Rao Zhongming, were visiting from Shanghai to play the tournament along with his professional Rodrigo Bausada. Interestingly Vendetta featured a different lineup to normal with professionals Ebe Sievwright, Josh Cork and Nick Clague supporting patron Garrie Renucci who usually fielded Jimmy Wood on his teams.

In the final Fast Fish were no match for Vendetta. The Vendetta lineup controlled the play well in all four chukkas with the scoreline always in their favour. With a only a few consolation goals from the Fast Fish team the score at the end of the match was 9-3 in favour of Vendetta. Argentine Ambassador to the United Kingdom R. Carlos Sersale di Cerisano presented the cup to Garrie Renucci and the Vendetta Team.

With such a great lineup of teams in the tournament the subsidiary final between Tigerstream and Foxtrot Whisky was always going to be a corker of a match. The respective professionals for each team Ali Paterson and Juan Cruz Araya Martelli arrived for the match straight off the back of their win in the final of the Ruins Cup at Cowdray. Picking up where they had finished at Cowdray the match got off to a storming start. The fast pace continued into the final chukka with Tigerstream taking the lead. In the end Ba Pataudi's Tigerstream took the win after a heated game.



FAST FISH		TIGERSTREAM	
Rao Zhongming	-1	Hugo Montgomery	-1
Benjie Davis	1	Will Healy	2
Rodrigo Bausada	3	Ali Paterson	3
Ed Courage	1	Ba Pataudi	0
	4		4

VENDETTA		FOXTROT WHISKY	
Garrie Renucci	-1	Jinni Featherstone-Witty	-1
Josh Cork	2	Martin Hay	0
Nick Clague	3	Juan Cruz Araya Martelli	3
Ebe Sievwright	0	Jason Warren	2
	4		4



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NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL RHODE ISLAND

BY STEPHEN O'KANE

The visiting team embarked on its 26th campaign against USA on Saturday, September 1st for the annual Labor Day weekend. Labor Day weekend in Newport is one of the busiest times of year for the area and the USA vs Ham England match is one of the anticipated matches of the BMW International Polo Series that is run at the Newport Polo Club.

The team was comprised of Matt Jones at No.1, Garrie Renucci (C) at No.2, Stephen O'Kane at No.3, and Jimmy Wood at No.4, we also had the new club chairman Howard Davis in reserve.

Arriving on the Thursday into Boston the team were taken to their base for the trip, an impressive historic house on the legendary Bellevue Avenue, kindly arranged by our host Ron Flemming. With no time to spare the US team were keen to get us out and on to the field for club chukkas. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones and for the US team to size up the visiting team. This is an evening of polo, laughs and that legendary Newport hospitality.

On Friday the team were up at first light ready to jump on a boat to go for a fishing trip. Despite some sore heads from the previous evening it was a great opportunity to see and get a feel for the area and what makes Newport famous. This was a huge amount of fun and a record breaking morning. Garrie Renucci, using all his Scottish fishing knowledge that has been passed down from generation to generation, caught a record breaking fish for the area. His fish became folklore between local captains and was featured in the local press the following week. This was not a bad start for the day and it wasn't even 11:00am....



With the sailing finished it was straight to the traditional and legendary scooter tours. This is the best way to see Newport and one of the most enjoyable. Renucci, doing what he does best, took the lead and decided to host Howard on his vehicle; this was a trip that I am sure the Chairman will never forget!

We were taken back to our accommodation to get ready for that evening's supper kindly hosted by the Newport polo team at the Clarke Cooke House by the waterfront. This was a very traditional and popular restaurant where we enjoyed great food and even better company. The laughter and drinks were flying and it was very clear that this was going to be a long evening. After the supper the music increased and the whole restaurant turned into what could only be described as the place to go in Newport on a Friday evening.

Saturday morning, game day, was a beautiful day and not a cloud in the sky with temperatures due to reach the high 20s and possible 30s.

The team had a short walk around the town followed by a brunch at Gary's Handy Lunch, what a fitting name.

We arrived at the grounds very early, but there were already a large number of people setting up their picnics and tailgates. We decided to choose a good spot to base ourselves and went to meet the grooms and our ponies. As we grew closer to the start of the match the crowds started to grow and grow into the thousands. The crowds were definitely behind the home team and the amount of noise from them was huge. With the swirl of the helicopter overhead, team members Garrie and Jimmy made what can only be described as a rock star entrance! With the crowd cheering, Garrie and Jimmy exited the helicopter and made their way towards the rest of the team.

With us mounted and ready to go we rode out into the middle of the ground ready to start. With a handshake and a good luck to the fellow players the chukkas began. We stood with helmets off ready for both teams national anthems. With the cheer of the crowd and the blow of the whistle, we are lined up ready to go. Immediately from the line out Torrey went on the attack for USA to handily win the first goal. Souto quickly followed to close the first chukka 2-0. Torrey carried the momentum into the second chukka with a neat penalty conversion, followed by two goals from Souto from field play. As half-time closed in, Ham England finally got in the game. Wood made two penalty conversions to put Ham England on the board, but Torrey made a conversion of his own to sweep the first half 6-2.

The break couldn't have come quick enough for the visiting side. With a strong talk from the captain and the chairman we put the first half behind us... jumped back on the ponies ready to start showing why we had won the previous year.

The second half began with a strong thrust by Souto opening the second half with USA up 7-2. Wood won a charge to goal for the first point by England scored in field play, but Keating closed the chukka with another goal for USA.

With the start of the fourth chukka Wood made an impressive comeback scoring three goals to USA's one, drawing nearer but still 6-9 in favour of USA. England came alive in the final chukka with goals by Wood and Renucci that closed the gap to within one point of USA. Then Torrey took one back to widen the margin once again. O'Kane managed one more point with a few seconds left on the clock, coming in too late to put a tied game within reach. USA reclaimed the silver, 10-9. What an end to a nail biting match, the cheer from the crowd for both teams highlighted what a close match this had been.

We then had an opportunity to mingle with the crowd and friends. Supporters were chasing players for autographs, photos and offering comments on the day's match. We then had a well earned drink with the USA team! The 1992 USA vs. Ham England Trophy was presented by Ham England team host Ron Flemming and Lee Mason, Lord Mayor of Portsmouth.

After such an epic and hard fought match the team enjoyed our American cousins' hospitality at the grounds into the early hours of the morning. With music, dancing and stories around the open fire there was no better way to spend an evening.

We would particularly like to thank our hosts at Newport Polo Club, Dan and Agnes, who make this unique event available to us. We would also like to thank our new chairman, Howard, who did everything he could to support the team.





SUMMER PARTY

Black tie and evening gowns were the style of choice for the Ham Polo Club Summer Party held on a balmy June evening. Champagne and canapés were served in the clubhouse garden before a spectacular five course dinner was enjoyed inside under the grape vines. Dancing and plenty more fun was had as guests kept the clubhouse alive and kicking until the small hours.



PRE SEASON COCKTAIL PARTY

Cocktails and canapés at the newly opened M Bar & Grill Twickenham hosted by Martin Williams, founder of M Restaurants. A wonderful setting for players and members to catch up after the long winter and look forward to the season ahead. With the evening sun shining the party spilled onto the terrace overlooking the River Crane before guests went through to the restaurant to sample the all new M menu.





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GENERAL

- The ground is 30 yards long, 200 yards wide.
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- 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.
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COPA CALIFA *Argentina*

The temperatures may have been plummeting in Richmond in February 2018 but it was quite the opposite in Coronel Suarez this year. The mercury was reading out at 35 degrees some afternoons and a month long heatwave had set in comfortably. No delays to the Argentine summer season meant the horses were in peak fitness and the groundsmen at La Esperanza Polo Club had the grounds in pristine condition for the 2018 Copa Califa.

The reciprocal arrangement between La Esperanza and Ham Polo Club involves complimentary entry to the Copa Califa tournament for any Ham players travelling to Argentina. This year teams of 8-10 goal handicaps made up the roster with some local entries, a La Esperanza side, a Cirencester Polo Academy team, some players from Italy and of course the Ham Polo Club team consisting of Charlie Ham, Benjie Davis, Will Healy and Cristobal Durrieu.

Ham had a tremendous semi final, winning 7-2 and heading on into the final. The opposition in the final game,

MYL Colores, were however a strong team. By half time Ham trailed 6-2 on the scoreboard and needed to regroup. A better second half ensued with a strong beginning to the fourth chukka but in the end it was a 7-4 victory to MYL Colores over the team from Richmond.

La Esperanza hosted a delightful evening following the tournament with a prize presentation and Asado to celebrate the competition and its multitude of international participants. Many thanks go to Jose Bertola and his family for extending their invitation to all Ham players. Also to Martin Ffrench Blake of Cirencester Polo Academy and LEPC for organising the teams and tournament.

Coronel Suarez is the global home town of polo and has the most successful polo team in history. The town and surrounding area has something for everyone and is a must for a polo holiday. January to March features tournaments from 4 up to 30 goal, keep in contact with Will Healy or Juan Cruz Araya Martelli about plans for playing this winter.

THE MIXED DOUBLES

Tournament

The mixed doubles is one of the leading tournaments at Ham Polo Club. A popular fixture with many of the members entering teams. These teams are required to be made up of two men and two women. One of the great facets of polo is that, like all equestrian sports, teams and competitions are all mixed with men and women competing together. This tournament is a great testament to that ethos.

The tournament was played over four days starting on Friday 25th May with Mavericks playing Tigerstream. Tigerstream had a significant lead throughout the match eventually winning by two goals. The second match on the Friday evening, Braemar Farms vs Vendetta, was a much closer match with Vendetta breaking the tie in the final chukka with three runaway goals.

In Saturday's matches Braemar Farms played Guapos Malditos with changes to each team's lineup. Braemar Farms put in a strong performance to win. In the second Saturday match Foxtrot Whisky played Tigerstream. Tigerstream were again in the lead for most of this match just like their first match on Friday evening. It was Juan Cruz Araya though to snatch the win at the final moment for Foxtrot Whisky with a quick goal.

The third day's matches were hard fought with all four teams that played having a chance to play in the final thanks to a well seeded draw. In the Mavericks vs

Foxtrot Whisky match the two teams exchanged the lead throughout the match with Mavericks taking the win at the end.

Guapos Malditos vs Vendetta saw another strong performance from Garrie Renucci's team with professional Jimmy Wood firmly booking Vendetta's place in Monday's final.

Day four of the tournament was finals day with the main match between Vendetta and Mavericks. Vendetta came through unbeaten and Mavericks having lost their first match and won their second.

Vendetta's 4 goal professional Jimmy Wood started to marshal his team well keeping his players well positioned whilst he put away the first goals for his team. By the beginning of the second half though Mavericks had managed to pull back and gained a one goal lead. Through some great teamwork though Vendetta moved back in front on the scoreboard. Mavericks were unlucky not to capitalise on their chances but Vendetta held their lead with some great defensive play securing a victory and receiving the trophy.

In the subsidiary final Braemar Farms with a slightly different line up due to injuries took the win over Tigerstream. The Tigerstream team having been unlucky not to have made the final with some close score lines in their matches throughout the tournament.

LEAGUE A

TIGERSTEAM

Alicia Cecchini	-2
Lucy Dowie	0
Will Healy	2
Ba Pataudi	0
0	0

FOXTROT WHISKY

TBA	0
Jinni Featherstone-Witty	-1
Juan Cruz Araya Martelli	3
Vicky Gunn	-2
0	0

THE MAVERICKS

Hannah Firman	-1
Rebecca Drake	-1
Max Stacy	1
Benjie/Hugo Davis	1
0	0

LEAGUE B

GUAPOS MALDITOS

Katharine Smithwick	-1
Plum Schräger	-1
Charles Schräger	0
Jason Warren	2
0	0

VENDETTA

Garrie Renucci	-1
Antonia Fichtner	-1
Natascha Hedegaard	-2
Jimmy Wood	4
0	0

BRAEMAR FARMS

Kate Lindsay-Fynn	-2
Lizzi Teroerde	-1
Patrick Teroerde	0
Ali Paterson	3
0	0





THE BILLY WALSH

Tournament

The final Hurrah of the tournament calendar at Ham is the Billy Walsh. A competition played with an inclusive spirit that attracted eight teams for the draw. After a full week of matches all played at Ham the finalists Belvedere and Vendetta I were set for Sunday 23rd September only for torrential rain to cancel play. The big match was rescheduled for Tuesday afternoon and was played in perfect conditions after Groundsman Charlie Ham had been hard at work to prepare the grounds.

In the match Belvedere were in fighting form establishing a 5-1 lead over Vendetta. Garrie Renucci's team were not to be underestimated though having featured in almost every tournament final this year. They took the second half by storm bringing themselves

back to within a goal of Belvedere. With 19 seconds left on the clock it looked to have not been enough, only for Belvedere to give away a 5b halfway line penalty. This allowed Vendetta to attack with seconds on the clock, John Martin put away the equaliser as the final bell sounded. This put the match into a golden goal extra chukka. It was John Martin again winning the ball out of the line out but with an unfortunate move his pony kicked the ball to Belvedere player Juan Cruz Araya Martelli who took the ball straight to goal to take the win and the 2018 Billy Walsh Trophy.

The subsidiary final was played on Thursday for the Autumn Cup. Quadriga played Student Beehive in another match that was basking in sunshine. It was a low scoring affair with Student Beehive taking the win 4-2.



STUDENT BEEHIVE

Jimmy Featherstone-Witty	-1
Simon Chamberlain	0
Ed Courage	1
Jason Warren	2
	2

BELVEDERE CONSULTING

Kate Lindsay-Fynn	-2
Octavio Pinto	0
Segundo Darrithon	1
Juan Cruz Araya Martelli	3
	2

VENDETTA II

Marco Vignali	-2
Stephen O'Kane	0
Pablo Marin	0
Jimmy Wood	4
	2

VENDETTA I

Garrie Renucci	-1
Nell Jacob	0
Howard Harding	0
Nick Clague	3
	2

QUADRIGA

Sebastian Tarnowski	-2
Martin Hay	0
Benjie Davis	1
Ali Paterson	3
	2

TIGERSTREAM

Hugo Montgomery	-1
William Healy	2
Max Stacy	1
Ba Pataudi	0
	2

CINQUANTE DEUX

Olivia Shea	0
Elodie Avarguez	-1
Abi Anderson	-1
Oscar Mancini	4
	2

LOS FLAMINGOS

Stephen Fitzpatrick	-2
Abdullah Bousien	0
Alec Banner-Eve	2
Phil Seller	2
	2



THE PETERSHAM Bowl

Six strong entires were received for the Petersham Bowl, the third stage of Ham's tournament schedule. League games were spread over a week giving plenty of opportunity for spectating as the competition unfolded.

At the end of the week the final was between Vendetta and Fergus Homes. Garrie Renucci's team have had a successful 2018 Season so far having already won the Mixed Doubles Tournament whilst the Fergus Homes lineup was a relatively new combination.

Vendetta displayed a dominant performance with professional Jimmy Wood once again playing a key role. Pablo Marin came on in the second chukka in place of Garrie Renucci and played well at the front putting away several goals. In the end Vendetta were too strong for Fergus Homes and at the final bell they were still ahead 7 goals to 4.

In the subsidiary final Belvedere Consulting played Impavido. Both teams had only narrowly lost one of their group games to miss out on the final. Belvedere Consulting had an altered lineup with Jason Warren taking Ali Paterson's place as team professional.

The subsidiary final was similar to the main final with Impavido this time dominating play. Miguel Ayala, playing for Impavido, covered the ground very well picking up the ball and sending his team forward. In the end team patron Tom Sime collected the John Player Plate.

In the tertiary final Jet Set played Mavericks in a well spirited match. At the end of four chukkas of play neither team could gain the winning advantage and the game was declared a draw at 5 goals all.



LEAGUE A

BELVEDERE CONSULTING

Kate Lindsay-Fynn	-2
Stephen O'Kane	0
Ali Paterson	3
Ed Courage	1
	2

FERGUS HOMES

Sebastian Tarnowski	-2
Hugo Davis	1
Benjie Davis	1
Gus Prentice	1
	?

ANDINA

Katharine Smithwick	-1
Jose Miguel Smith	0
Martin Hay	0
Juan Cruz Araya Martelli	3
	2

LEAGUE B

IMPAVIDO

Tom Sime	-2
Diego Giagante	0
Miguel Ayala	4
George Merson	0
	2

VENDETTA

Garrie Renucci	-1
Pablo Marin	0
Jimmy Wood	4
TBA	-1
	2

THE MAVERICKS

Hannah Firman	-1
Lucy Dowie	0
Will Healy	2
Max Stacy	1
	2





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THE SUMMER —Tournament—

As the weather heats up so does the polo, the Summer Tournament sees a rise from two to four for team handicaps and with fit players and ponies it produces some excellent polo. 2018 was no disappointment with four teams shaping up for a weekend of matches. Saturday 30th June featured semi finals on the Jubilee Ground setting the order for the following day.

Through to the final were Hugs & Co. and Impavido. Both teams featured lineups entirely comprised of players based permanently at Ham. Impavido looked to have a slight advantage having already featured in several of the tournament finals already this season, and advantage that could help them relax into their game plan.

In the first half though Hugs & Co. retained a slight lead. Taking all of their opportunities in front of goal they allowed themselves to push ahead of the opposition. The second half was a different story Impavido's Ali Paterson put in an unbelievable shift for his team and in the space of two chukkas helped to forge his team an unassailable lead. At the final bell Impavido were the winners 8 - 4.5. Impavido patron Tom Sime was presented the Rosie Adams Bowl by Rosie Adams.

In the subsidiary final Tigerstream played Braemar Farms. The Tigerstream team who had been unlucky the previous day played a great game. Club coach Jason Warren and polo manager Will Healy worked well as a duo to put their team ahead. Patrick Teroerde playing at back for Braemar Farms had his work cut out keeping Tigerstream's no. 1 Lucy Dowie at bay. The final result saw Tigerstream run out the winners over Braemar Farms.



BRAEMAR FARMS		HUGS & CO.	
Jinni Featherstone-Witty	-1	A.Cecchini/M.Sheldon	-2
Simon Chamberlain	0	Max Stacy	1
Santi Araya	5	Benjie Davis	1
Patrick Teroerde	0	Juan Cruz Araya Martelli	3
	4		3
IMPAVIDO		TIGERSTREAM	
Tom Sime	-2	Lucy Dowie	0
Ed Courage	1	Ba Pataudi	0
Gus Prentice	2	Will Healy	2
Ali Paterson	3	Jason Warren	2
	4		2



THE HAM HOUSE

Tournament

The first tournament of the year started on Saturday 12th May with teams spending the afternoon vying for a place in the final the following day. Impavido and Mavericks both came through their group games with strong performances each taking a spot in the showcase match on Sunday 13th May.

Both the teams were new at Ham for the 2018 season. They were well matched with a similar spread of handicaps on each side. Impavido were the first to score and went on to develop a substantial lead as Ali Paterson scored goal after goal. By half time Mavericks trailed but Will Healy and Jason Warren regrouped to close the gap on the PoloLine scoreboard. Paterson supported by Ed Courage kept scoring though and

managed to put away seven of his teams eight goals over the course of four chukkas. Impavido team patron Tom Sime was delighted to be presented with the trophy by Megan from the Ham House management team.

The Hine Cognac Cup is one of the older annual fixtures at Ham Polo Club and this year it was the prize for the subsidiary final of the Ham House Tournament. Unlucky to have not made the final Vendetta and Quadriga played each other for the runner up spot.

A heated subsidiary final followed with both professional players Jimmy Wood and Juan Cruz Araya-Martelli battling for the win. Vendetta held a slim lead throughout the match until the final chukka when Quadriga took a final goal for the win.



MAVERICKS

Antonia Fichtner	-1
Hannah Firman	-1
Will Healy	2
Jason Warren	2
	2

VENDETTA

Marco Vignali	-2
Bruno Bensousson	-1
Ba Patuadi	0
Jimmy Wood	4
	1

IMPAVIDO

Tom Sime	-2
Stephen O'Kane	0
Ed Courage	1
Ali Paterson	3
	2

QUADRIGA

Katharine Smithwick	-1
Simon Chamberlain	0
Martin Hay	0
Juan Cruz Araya-Martelli	3
	2



THE HAM LADIES

Tournament

Ham Polo Club has one of the highest proportion of female playing members in the country. With the number of female players growing at the club it was only fitting that in 2017 the Ham Ladies Trophy was introduced as a women's tournament in our fixtures. Each team is made up of women with the exception of one professional on each team which is permitted to be a man. The professional cannot score a goal though and can only help their team to get into the scoring positions.

With four teams in the draw for the final, semifinal matches took place on Friday 31st August followed by an Argentine Asado evening. Qualifying for the final were Where there's a Will... and Ali Cats. The first game saw Louise Brown being substituted onto the field in the place of Lucy Dowie and Will Healy being replaced by Benjie Davis.

For Sunday's Final the teams entered the field in glamorous fashion led by cars from match day sponsors Tesla Motors and accompanied by some stirring music. The match had a tense opening with each team receiving key penalties in the first two chukkas. On several occasions the ball was saved on the line by Ali Cats.

The Where there's a Will team (with Will Healy back in the number 4 shirt) worked well together in the second half with some great teamwork providing the goals to put them in the lead. In the final quarter they held on with some strong defence against Ali Cats to run out 2018 winners by 3 goals to 1.5.

In the subsidiary final were Foxy Fillies and Penny Black. Both teams again comprised of all Ham player lineups with a professional on each team. Much like the final this was a close match between the teams. In the end Penny Black took the victory for the subsidiary final.

ALI CATS

Kate Lindsay-Fynn	-2
Lizzi Teroerde	-1
Katharine Smithwick	-1
Ali Paterson	3
	-1

PENNY BLACK

Alicia Ceccini	-2
Sarah Brown	-1
Louise Brown	0
Jason Warren	2
	-1

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Kate Halstead / Victoria Gilbert	-2
Hannah Firman	-1
Lucy Dowie	0
Will Healy	2
	-1

TEAM YELLOW

Abi Anderson	-1
Rebecca Drake	-1
Jinni Featherstone-Witty	-1
Santi Araya	5
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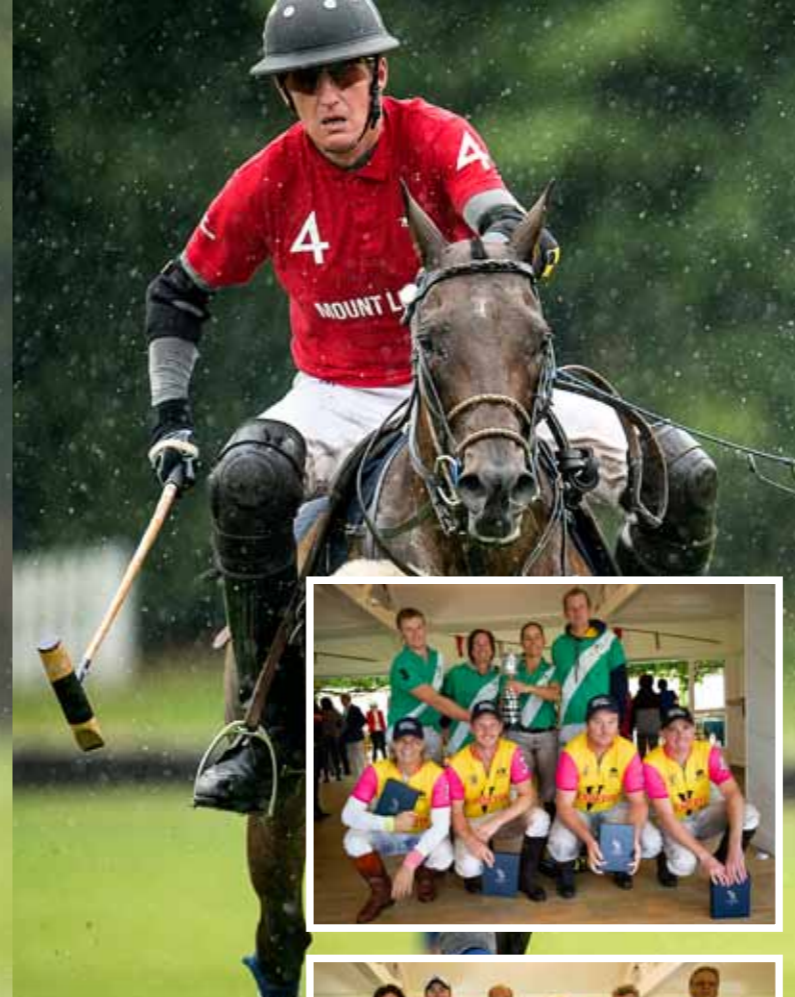
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After two weeks of high level polo played out on the Black Bears Grounds in Henley, Ham team Vendetta with patron Garrie Renucci made it to the final to play Ojo Caliente. After some fantastic weather conditions for the league matches and semi finals the final was hit with some of the heaviest rain of the season. Such is the importance of the Roehampton that polo went ahead. Into the match and neither team were visibly phased by the rain with some fierce play on display.

The first half was close with Ojo Caliente gaining a narrow lead over Vendetta. In the second half Jonny

Good and Ed Banner-Eve surged ahead forging a strong lead. Vendetta were unlucky missing two opportunities in the third chukka that could have closed the gap. Both Banner-Eve and Good are top Arena polo players so might have been more used to playing in such poor conditions. By the final bell the Ojo Caliente team still had the lead to run out 2018 winners by 9 goals to 4.

After the main final Stoneyhill played Pakistan Cables for the Critchley Cup Subsidiary Final. Ed Banner-Eve straight off the back of winning the final made a substitute appearance in place of Ham regular Hamza Mowaz who had an injury prior to the match. The rain persisted however the match began in the hope that a full four chukkas of play would be possible.

Eventually Stoneyhill started to build a big lead over Pakistan Cables. Stoneyhill had the experience of ex England player Will Lucas who had most probably played his fair share of matches in British weather. The Stoneyhill team eventually ran out resounding winners to take the Critchley Trophy.



LEAGUE A BRAEMAR FARMS

Patrick Teroerde	0
Ed Courage	1
Ali Paterson	3
Gus Prentice	2
?	6

STONEYHILL

Kiki Severn	-1
Oscar Louard	1
Ollie Severn	2
Will Lucas	4
6	6

VENDETTA

Garrie Renucci	-1
John Martin	2
Jimmy Wood	4
Will Braysher	1
6	6

OJO CALIENTE/ MOUNT LOFTUS

Ana Escoveda	-1
Georgina Brittan	0
Ed Banner-Eve	3
Jonny Good	4
6	6

LEAGUE B CANI

Louise Jebson	-1
George Deverill	0
Ollie Cork	2
Matias Amaya	5
6	6

SENZALTRO

Jules van Vegchel	-1
Jack Aldridge	1
Ben Wilson	2
Ollie Tuthil	4
6	6

PAKISTAN CABLES

Emran Akhtar	0
Johnny Beck Brown	0
Hamza Mawaz	3
Saquib Khakwani	3
6	6

MATRIX POLO

Katharine Smithwick	-1
Simon Lo Gatto	0
Pedro Harrison	4
Juan C Araya-Martelli	3
6	6



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FOND MEMORIES OF THE 1970s & 80s AT HAM

BY

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Quentin Davis, Bryan Morrison (who went on to found the Royal Berkshire Polo Club), Bertie Arbeid and Ted Marriage. In the background Billy Walsh, Roy deLisser and famous Morris Traveller



Charity Day for Save The Children: Nette Godbold, Quentin Davis, HRH The Princess Royal, Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers and Geoffrey Godbold

In writing about Ham Polo Club in the 1970/80s, it should be remembered that we are talking about 30 to 50 years ago. Probably only a few highlights remain in the memory, along with players who graced the ground then. Two points to be made; firstly, few of those who played then are still around so not much chance of disagreement and secondly, there is no intention of spoiling a good story with the facts!!

Firstly, we should understand the Club as it then was and the aim of those playing.

The Club was a previously owned Nissen hut as would be found on an army site; it is still with us and forms the area with the bar at the end. It had been transported to the ground and erected with ladies and gents lavatories at one end where they are today. It had a veranda which covered the area where the vines are and a small members enclosure with a few off-white benches if you needed anywhere to sit.

Drinks were available, draught beer and a selection of spirits and mixers; there may have been wine or we might have brought that ourselves. This would have been with the picnic for only snacks and burgers were served from a little kitchen behind the bar which was at the other end from where it is now.

The splendid Billy Walsh would sit in a corner of the bar as a steady stream of players bought him

large whiskies (if you overlooked to do so, you found yourself relegated to the later games the next Sunday!). When he hit capacity, he would be 'helped' to the car to go home. In the early days, he drove himself but later, after several excursions onto Ham Common, this was by Ivy, his redoubtable wife! He did not enjoy this as he was summoned to depart and it spoils his habit of giving admiring ladies a lift!!

Behind the 'pavilion' there was a fence between us and the then Cricket Club who played on what is now the Jubilee Ground. The gap was ideal for dumping anything that needed throwing away and accumulated an amazing collection of bits. It also had an outside gents loo which you only used in desperation!!

Polo was only played at the Club on Sundays to preserve the only ground. By mid August it was like a dust bowl and woe betide you if you had not got your ponies fit enough when they came in as this was when the percussion would leave them foot sore or lame.

The stables were mainly at Billy's Yard by the Ham Gate into Richmond Park with maybe 16 more in the stables where they are now at the Club run by Janet Mann, whose mother came in for a while and did the catering at the Club on Sundays. Chukkas were played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday morning on the ground between Sheen and

Roehampton Gates. The ponies were ridden there by players and grooms and tethered on temporary wooden post and rail. This created a slight crisis when two of Denzil Fernandes's spooked and broke free and disappeared at a gallop out of Sheen Gate with the rail dangling between them from their halters!! It was decided it was safer to string rope lines in the trees by the road and each chukka day Billy's Morris Estate car would trundle up to the ground with the roof rack carrying the posts and the inside filled with ropes, buckets, halters and a mass of other bits! At the end of chukkas we were all expected not only to tread in but also pack up all the kit and lines.

One of the benefits of this set-up was that the ponies warmed up on their way to the ground and cooled down on their way back. If it was very hot, it was always a treat to let them wade through Penn Ponds as they returned. It was advisable to stick to the shallower water as Pam Bannister discovered when she went too far out and over the ledge into deep water. The pony swam out and Pam just about followed, unfortunately without her boots which had filled with water, come off and sunk to the bottom!!

And, if you were not happy with only playing four days a week, you could always go out in your own time on the stick and ball ground just inside Ham Gate.

There were tutored sessions on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and all players were expected to school their ponies on Saturday mornings. No wonder you could see the altar between Andy Arghyrou's knees at his wedding!! The tutored sessions cost £5 for an hour!!

It must be time to move onto the players but that is very difficult because to write about all of them would take this whole publication!

Where on earth therefore to start or indeed to stop? The easy ones are Billy Walsh about whom enough has been written but, there again, you could write a book about him. His daughter, Peggy Healy, who was put on every new horse and expected to stay there! As a result, she was one of the most accomplished riders you could know. Her husband, David, who was American and a well-known actor; his vocal strains could not only be heard on stage or film but across the ground, normally commenting on his or his horse's ability!

Actors also came in the form of Sir John Mills and his lovely wife, Mary. He was prevented from playing eventually by his insurance but they and their daughters came over from Denham to watch for the afternoon. In contrast, Jimmy 'Whacko' Edwards would appear and normally insist on commentating. After several vodka and oranges, the language became appalling and the insults on the players' ability appalling but hilarious with the 'f' word frequently included! Needless to say, the crowd loved it!



John Robson, Annie Colquhoun-Denvers (in Kouros shirt), Jeremy Allen, Quentin Davis, William Healy and a very minimalist Clubhouse!



Charity Day for Bob Champion's Cancer Charity: Martin Brown, Reddy Watt, Ron Ferguson, HRH Prince Charles, David Healy in the background and Geoffrey Godbold showing three fingers!

Jimmy was an ardent player and used big ponies to carry his weight so a formidable one too. So was Edward Tauchert, Christopher's father and indeed, Christopher, who was one of the most fearless players. He rode his ponies which he had diligently got fit and trained with superb panache and skill, making him a very useful player. In that same bracket would be included Derek Copeland and Sam Houston. Eduardo Moore, the Cambiaso of those days, referred to Derek as one of the best trainers of three quarter thoroughbreds he had seen. Sam was also renowned for his meticulous training not only his ponies but himself! With a reputation for playing every shot perfectly, he was a joy to watch and spending hours with the two of them schooling horses and learning tactics was what polo was all about. To that duo Peter Adams, who was a brilliant commentator with the finest eye for detail, should be added. Before each game he would go down to the pony lines and note helmet colours and pony's names so that he could produce a perfect commentary. On Sunday evenings, this group would go to the Chinese by Richmond bus garage and continue the analysis over supper – much testing the patience of the wives/partners!

The Club also saw, thanks to Peter, the first modern charity days with Prince Charles coming to play with a squad of fellow notable players including his polo manager, Major Ronald Ferguson.

Roy de Lisser and his lovely wife, Ann, who came over from Jamaica each year for the season (he was quite large and complained loudly if the team shirts were too tight!). Robert Young, the film director and his talented and attractive wife, Hermione; he made a film of the origins of English polo which can still be found on YouTube. Lots of members were recruited and, supplemented by stars like Julian Hipwood, Paul Withers, Reddy Watt and John Horswell, were made up and dressed for the period. It is hilarious to watch!

In the 70s and 80s many players came and went - most on to play at a higher level. Two, Bryan Morrison and David Anderson, to found the Royal Berkshire and Epsom Polo Clubs respectively. The Club went through the crisis of being down to single figures in the late 70s to having a healthy 40 plus in the 80s. We also saw the first commercially sponsored polo team by the Yves St Laurent men's range, Kouros, who ran a low goal team out of Ham and a high goal team out of Cowdray.

And many stayed. Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers, Chris Tauchert, Quentin Davis, Michael Wellman, Michael Ventura and there must be others, have all been stalwart supporters of the Club since those days. And one of the joys has been to see their children take up polo and develop into today's players.

It has always been the case, and certainly was then, that old players love to come back to Ham to play. At this time we saw many and, although players travelled little, the Club was still well-recognised through this old comradeship. That and the annual trips to Rhinefield, Cowdray, Guards and Tidworth, and indeed the characters who went on them, kept Ham's name at the forefront of the UK's clubs.

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MARK BEAUMONT PHOTOGRAPHY

Mark Beaumont, the photographer who captured these stunning equine portraits, is no stranger to Ham Polo Club. One of his earliest memories is visiting his grandfather who lived in Ham and being taken to watch polo there.

It was many years later in 2013 that he was back at Ham, but this time as the Club's photographer for the season. It wasn't long though before he was approached and asked if he'd like to work for the King Power Polo team, photographing all their matches culminating in their high goal hat trick.

In between the polo tournaments and throughout the rest of the year he specialises in creating these stunning equine images. He uses a mixture of

carefully controlled high powered studio lighting and ambient light to create the dramatic shots without the use of photoshop. "I've always been fascinated with light and the way it falls and interacts with our surroundings," he says.

Originally planning a career in theatrical lighting, it was by chance Mark discovered photography and particularly the magic of the darkroom. It was there where he spent the next 10 years working in professional photographic laboratories in central London. However his strong connection with the countryside, and particularly his love of horses, led him to a project to try and capture them in a way that had rarely been seen before.



You can see more of Mark's work on his website www.markbeaumont.co.uk

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OBITUARIES

MOLLY WALKER

JUNE 2018



When Molly Walker passed away on 15th June 2018, Ham Polo Club lost one of the Club's most loved icons. Molly was the Club Secretary from 1974 to 1990 and ran the administration with a meticulous style in everything that she did. But

it will not just be for her secretarial contribution to the Club that Molly will be remembered; she will be as much for just being one of the loveliest people you could meet. She was kind and never said a harsh word about anybody, preferring to think of a way of appeasing them or a different solution. She had great style, living in a lovely cottage in Sandy Lane and always welcoming friends warmly. She had a great sense of humour and many a time quietened the irascible Billy Walsh or an unruly player with a twinkling smile and a very bon mot.

She was a great friend to Peggy Healy and indeed godmother to her eldest son, William, whom she nicknamed 'Willy Snail', not because he was slow but because, compared to his brother, Tim, he was methodical and calm - attributes of which she approved!

When she left Ham in the early 90's, she went to live in a little village outside Dulverton. Down the road was the West Somerset Polo Club where her old friend Colonel 'Puggie' Pugh, accomplished commentator at Ham, and his wife, Marlisa, were members. Not surprisingly, within no time at all, she was fulfilling the same role there as she had at Ham. Once again, her calm demeanour saw the club through many difficult situations and it was touching to see how the few members who are left attended her funeral.

It is a shame that there are not more Molly Walkers in the world; in spite of the difficulties that she faced in life, she never complained but was happy with her lot and concentrated on putting others' needs ahead of her own. An example to us all.



MARCUS EMERSON

NOVEMBER 1953- JANUARY 2019

Marcus was a playing member at Ham Polo Club in the 70s and 80s and will be fondly remembered by those around at the time. Marcus first came to the club aged 17 to have riding and polo lessons with Billy Walsh. He had a wicked sense of humour and was a popular member of the growing number of young players coming through the club. Marcus was an enthusiastic polo player despite suffering from Muscular Dystrophy and when his disease began to progress and riding horses became too difficult, he continued his polo by taking up Quad Bike polo. Marcus organised several charity polo fundraising events in aid of Muscular Dystrophy. His final years were in a nursing home and his wife of 34 years Janie, was a wonderful support to him throughout his illness.

JOHN ROBSON

JANUARY 2019



Sadly in January the club was informed of the passing of John Robson who learnt to play polo at Ham in the 1970s. A keen playing member in the 70s and 80s and a great supporter of the club, John was a member of the General Committee at that time. Our thoughts are with his widow Dawn, and their son and three daughters.

VICHAI SRIVADDHANAPRABHA

APRIL 1957- OCTOBER 2018

It was with deep sadness and regret that we all received the dreadful news of Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha's death in a helicopter accident at his beloved Leicester City Football Club. Vichai was Ham Polo Club's President from 2008 to 2012 and he served and supported our club with distinction and great charm through those years and well beyond. Vichai's love of polo almost rivalled that of football and we were lucky to know and have him as a member of Ham. For most people Vichai will be best remembered for the huge success he had at Leicester City Football Club. Vichai took the club from the Championship Football Division to the winners of the Premier League in the space of six years.

After joining Ham as a player in the early 2000s Vichai went on to found VR Polo Club in Thailand which is one of the main clubs in the country. Over the next two decades Vichai and his sons Aiyawatt and Apichet, known as Top and Tip, with the King Power Polo Team became one of the most successful teams in British history. King Power won the British Open at Cowdray Park three times in 2015, 2016 and 2017 as well as the Queen's Cup in 2015.

In 2012, the King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej bestowed the family the new surname of Srivaddhanaprabha, which means "light of progressive glory". This was in recognition of his charity work and success in business. Vichai was also awarded an honorary doctorate as a Doctor of Laws by the University of Leicester in 2016.

Vichai displayed immense generosity supporting countless charity days at Ham all raising funds for worthy causes. Most recently he sponsored the King Power Laureus Sport for Good event.

As a club we will sorely miss Vichai and his generosity to those around him. His mark in the polo world and especially at Ham is that which will be remembered for generations to come.





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THE PLAYERS DINNER PARTY

Players and members descended on the clubhouse draped in evening finery to celebrate a highly successful season of polo. The chairman, Howard Davis, gave his review of the highlights before awarding the various annual accolades.

Player of the Year – Kate Lindsay-Fynn

Most Improved Player – Marco Vignali

Lady Player's Award – Jinni Featherstone-Witty

Umpire of the Year – Stephen O'Kane

Alan Wyatt Fellowship Award – Tony Hamlin

An auction was held on the evening to raise money for Polo Pastures home for retired polo ponies. This was followed by the Billy Awards delivered by Benjie Davis which focus was on the more light-hearted side of the season.



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