



## 2019 PAA ANNUAL AWARDS

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**2019 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR** – Adina Polocrosse World Cup Committee and Warwick Club.

The Adina Polocrosse World Cup Committee Warwick successfully hosted the 2019 Adina World Cup at Morgan Park in April 2019. The competition was run in conjunction with the Barastoc Interstate competition. The 2019 Adina World Cup was the largest international sporting event held in rural Australia directly generating \$5.6m, including incremental expenditure, to the Southern Downs Queensland.



**2019 UMPIRE OF THE YEAR** –

Chris Franklin

In 2019, Chris was selected to represent Australia as the Australian Umpire for the 2019 Adina World Cup.

Chris, a member of the Gold Coast Club, Qld. and his family have contributed strongly to

Australian polocrosse. Chris' commitment to upholding the rules of our game whilst ensuring player safety and enjoyment is widely recognised. The PAA are pleased to present this PAA Umpire of the Year for 2019 in recognition of the role Chris played in the 2019 Adina World Cup and his ongoing commitment to umpiring, both on and off the field.



**2019 COACH OF THE YEAR**  
– Arch Anderson

As the coach of the World Cup Team Arch enjoyed a series of successes, with wins in Zambia July 2018, the reciprocal test series with New Zealand and finally winning the 2019 Adina World Cup. On all occasions the Australian team were undefeated. Both test series were an excellent lead up to the World Cup. Arch is a

member of the Cassilis Club, NSW and supports our game via ongoing work.

It has taken 10 years for an Australian World Cup team to be back at the top. The PAA congratulate Arch as the recipient of the PAA Coach of the Year award for 2019.

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## BALLARAT NATIONALS

In consultation with the Victorian Polocrosse Association (VPA) the PAA Board would like to advise that given the current uncertainty surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 National Polocrosse Championships are postponed to 2022.

The Board regards providing a healthy and safe environment as paramount to all stakeholders. Joint announcement from the PAA and the VPA [here](#).

Both the PAA and the VPA would like to thank everyone for their support during these difficult times.

## TOP GUN COACHING CLINICS

Unfortunately, due to the local weather, the Mendooran Top Gun Coaching Clinic had to be cancelled. NSW are reviewing the possibility of conducting another Top Gun Coaching Clinic at Wagga. Watch this space! Squad members will work with Jodie Hall, National Manager of Coaching and Sandra Weston, PAA Director to get the Top Gun clinics locked in.

Event organisers are also required to source travel and accommodation arrangements for the Top Gun squad and loan horses where required.

Once again, any questions please liaise via email; [neo@polocrosse.org.au](mailto:neo@polocrosse.org.au)

## HELMETS

The PAA has endorsed the additional approval of head gear as per the list below:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standard **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked.*
- Current American standard **SNELL E2001.**
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark*

## RETURNING TO POLOCROSSE SAFELY

Following the easing of restrictions of COVID-19 in some states NSW polocrosse practice and coaching commenced on 1 July and competitions are planned to recommence from 1 August.

QPA started to play full competition on 10 July 10 and PAWA plan to start full competition on 24 July. All organisers and hosts of events must adhere to the relevant state requirements including the maintenance of an attendance register, for all who attend the venue. Polocrosse Australia is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our members and the community. To assist, we strongly encourage all members to download the COVIDSafe app.

We thank you for your co-operation and continued understanding during this time. If you require further advice or guidance on activities in your State or Territory, please contact your local association.



## HORSE DEALS

The PAA has received great feedback on our stories published monthly in Horse Deals.

July's edition is on sale now and has a great story on Robyn and Les Fraser's PAA Life Membership along with updates from around the States.

If you want to promote anything your club is doing, please email the PAA [neo@polocrosse.org.au](mailto:neo@polocrosse.org.au)

## THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

- If your State Association or Club has had a grant declined over the last 12 months, please let the PAA know so Andrew Kikeros can follow this up on your behalf.
- Blue Bandage Polocrosse racquets can be purchased through the NEO's office for \$93.50 each plus postage.
- Video of The Polocrosse Story are still available for \$16.50 plus postage.
- Polocrosse Association of Australia Inc badges are now available @ \$3.50 minimum order of 10 plus postage.
- Top Gun Coaching has Kid's Hoodies for sale @ \$50 each and Caps @ \$30 each. Excellent quality.

If you have any questions, or you would like to order any of the above products, please email [neo@polocrosse.org.au](mailto:neo@polocrosse.org.au)

## BEHIND THE "D"



**Meet Sam Sowry –**

**State Executive Officer for the Northern Territory Polocrosse Association.**

### **How long have you been involved with Polocrosse?**

Started playing when I was 12 years old. Met a guy who wasn't into horses so left at the age of 18. Came back to the sport when my girls were young but found it too hard on my own with the girls. Back playing for the last 5 years with my girls. SEO for NTPA and Treasurer of my club for the last few years.

More blue bandage players coming over to white bandage increasing numbers. We have 12 new blue bandage players so far this season with more intending to join before the end of the year.

### **What do you do outside polocrosse?**

I work in a secondary college as a Business Manager, I enjoy hiking, camping, and gardening. I walked a 10-day extreme hike in Peru, Machu Pichu with my husband and daughters. I've trekked the Kokoda Trail carrying my own pack and ridden an old defence motorbike from Melbourne to Normanton following the Burke and Wills track.

### **What is your most memorable occasion associated with the game?**

When I was a junior and selected in the NT Junior team, (only a few years ago really) we travelled from Darwin to Naracoorte for the Nationals, stopping along the way to spell the horses and swim in dams. The Hassalls' drove their truck down with a few of our horses, not as flash as the one they ended up with, they worked out how fast my Mum was driving by how quick she passed them... yep, the old girl wasn't waiting for no one. Recently I really enjoyed the Hafey Clinic held in January, Naracoorte. I learnt so much and met a lot of people. Can't forget the World Cup, that was an eye opener for me, intense playing, I loved it!

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### **Tell us something that is unusual with you?**

Well it's not really unusual but I have 5 kids. Three older boys who I never introduced to polocrosse including my husband who doesn't ride a horse or has any interest in horses. Riding horses is a girl's thing in our family.

***Thanks Sam for your time.***

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Never give up! Failure and rejection are only the first step to succeeding".*

Jim Valvano.