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2020 PAA OPEN SQUAD

In conjunction with the PAA National Selectors, the PAA Board would like to congratulate the following players on their selection of the PAA Open Squad.

Samantha Allen	Tansey QLD
Linsley Doolan	Chinchilla QLD
Ella Elks	Guyra NSW
Lucy Grills	Albury/Holbrook NSW
Beth Hafey	Tansey QLD
Tracey Jarrett	Foothills WA
Sydnee Johnson	Tara QLD
Taylor Radford	Rosedale VIC
Lauren Sillitoe	Tansey QLD
Suzette Thomas	South Midlands WA
Ryle Waugh	Guyra NSW
Corey Buys	Sale VIC
Matt Davison	Albury/Holbrook NSW
Abbott Grills	Albury/Holbrook NSW
Jim Grills	Albury/Holbrook NSW
Tom O'Neil	Tansey QLD
Russell Owens	Warwick QLD
Luke Saul	Quirindi NSW
Ben Thomas	South Midlands WA
BJ Thomas	South Midlands WA
Will Weston	Jugiong NSW



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PAA ANTI – DOPING POLICY

Polocrosse Association of Australia Inc Anti-Doping Policy has been amended and is effective **10 August 2020**.

The changes bring our sport in line with the establishment of Sport Integrity Australia which will replace the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) as the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) in Australia from 1 July 2020.

The changes which come into effect on 10 August 2020 are:

- Replacing the words Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) with Sport Integrity Australia (SIA).
- Replacing CAS with the National Sports Tribunal (**NST**) as the first instance hearing body for all athletes and the Appeals Division of the NST for appeals for 'non-international level' athletes.
- Amending the definition of 'National Level Athlete' to introduce the Lower-Level Athlete category to allow greater flexibility in dealing with and sanctioning athletes below International or National level; and
- Removing the Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel.

For more details on the changes, please [click here](#).



TOP GUN COACHING CLINICS

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with COVID – 19 all Top Gun Coaching Clinics have been postponed.

Watch this space for any updates.

In the meantime, don't forget you can order your Top Gun Coaching has Kid's Hoodies for sale @ \$50 each and Caps @ \$30 each. Excellent quality.

Once again, any questions please liaise via email; neo@polocrosse.org.au



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONTRAIBUTIONS OF AUSTRALIAN POLOCROSSE.

A few months ago, the PAA engaged the services of Andrew Kikeros from Life-Time-Wise, who is helping with rebooting polocrosse during and after COVID-19.

COVID-19 has also highlighted that without the ability to “sell the story” of the economic and social benefit of polocrosse for struggling communities, our ability to source funding relief is restricted.

Andrew has already had conversations with all the State presidents on how he can assist their states move forward into 2021. Over next few weeks the PAA will be sending out to all the members a survey based on the need to verify the Economic and Social Impact of Polocrosse in Australia. This data will be collated, a report will be produced outlining the economic contribution of polocrosse and will become part of the toolbox when applying for grants.

The PAA is encouraging members to reply to this survey so Andrew can gain a better understanding of our sport and in the long run this data will provide valuable information for our sport to prosper.

Andrew is assisting the PAA with next 5 strategy plan.

If you have any questions on this, please contact your State Association who will pass it on to the PAA.



HORSE DEALS

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

August's edition is on sale now and has a great story on young 82-year-old Trevor Melville from the NT, still playing polocrosse and still going strong.

If you want to promote anything your club is doing, please email the PAA neo@polocrosse.org.au



BEHIND THE “D”



Meet Mary Day –

Club Coach Perth Polocrosse Club Western Australia.

How long have you been involved with Polocrosse?

Started polocrosse in my teens when John and Pearl Marriot bought New Springs station in the centre of WA somewhere. (North of Paroo station!) My father was an avid horse rider so all us kids (ten of us) had to ride too. Plus, he was very community minded, so we had to meet our new neighbours as soon as they arrived. John and Pearl Marriott, what legends.

Met my husband (Philly), left home, worked and played a bit of polocrosse here and there, but we were in the mining and pastoral industry so sport and normal life was not to be found until we moved to Muchea, just north of Perth in the late eighties. But then I had a couple of kids and Phil (my husband) kept playing competitively (surprise surprise) but I had other priorities.

Soon as the kiddos could walk, they were on a couple of white ponies and we all were playing! My daughter Rachel and I still play competitively with Phil and son Barkley having a run now and then. In amongst playing I have been a leading role creating a cashless club, everything is online from nominating for practice, membership, uniforms to playing and paying at tournaments. I was secretary/treasurer for ever and looked outside the square very quickly to stop chasing money and making it easier for our executives and their roles. (some members needed more encouragement than others).

I also was one of the coordinators for the 2008 and 2018 nationals. Plus involved with liaising with the City of Swan, Equestrian WA and the other equestrian disciplines that are based near our club grounds.

What do you do outside polocrosse?

Outside polocrosse I was a stay at home mum most the time (whilst children still at school), run a small cattle farm, have been learning flat work, show jumping and cross country for the past few years. So, I know how daunting it is going into a

new sport. I book keep for my son's business, active volunteer ambulance officer and live in a great community on our road who are all quite social.

What is the most memorable occasion associated with the game?

Most memorable occasion associated with the game was when the 2008 polocrosse nationals won the WA equestrian event of the year, the direct spend (expenditure by interstate and international visitors only) for the same event was \$3,267,156 into our economy. Being involved in getting our fields from six hectares of weeds to what they are today without irrigation. The Perth club and all their helpers and the City of Swan (Sponsor) were instrumental in all.

Where do you see the game going in the next five years?

The game in WA is at a low at the moment, but I see some great initiatives developing along with Blue Bandage in this state. Our southern zone had a small competition over their tournaments where the winning club had their zone and or club fees paid. We need to accommodate the new age riders and families, which includes shorter events, grades with less contact and we must keep the game neat, with beautiful presentation and behaviour to encourage members. Diligent administration and communication are keys to keeping new members. Keep some smaller tournaments in our calendar which are multi horse, but we cannot lose our elite level of players and horses (they are just so exciting to watch). This season for WA is the golden opportunity to put the fun and social side back into our practices and tournaments.

Thanks, Mary, for your time.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The best and fastest way to learn a sport is to watch and imitate a champion.”
Jean – Claude Killy.