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KENT WELLS

In December 2020, at the annual awards dinner for Queensland Polocrosse Association (QPA), Kent Wells, National Umpire, was inducted into the QPA Hall of Fame.

This is awarded for Managers/Coaches/Payers that have reached the top of their game and for their outstanding achievement in and for services to the sport of polocrosse.

Mike Williams, QPA President, said that Kent has, and I am sure will continue to keep giving his time to our sport not only at club level but right through to the national level.



Paul McGrath, former QPA State Chief Umpire, Kent Wells, National Umpire and Peter Cummiskey Queensland Sport at the QPA Annual Awards Dinner held recently in Toowoomba.

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SIA ENGAGEMENT

Sport Integrity Australia (formerly ASADA) 2021 rule changes. A new World Anti-Doping Code is effective from 1st January 2021, which includes several changes to the anti-doping rules.

Here are the three updates for our members.

1. Annual Course update – available on [Sport Integrity Australia's eLearning platform](#).
2. [2021 World Anti-Doping Code](#) – effective 1 January 2021
3. [2021 Prohibited List changes](#) – effective 1 January 2021 and along with a [summary of major modifications and Monitoring Program](#).

For more information you can visit this website;

<https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/anti-doping/2021-world-anti-doping-code>

MUTUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Registration and transfer of players section 15.1 - PAA P&P Manual has been updated to cover the following:

1. Registration of Players.
2. Transferring Interstate between Clubs and States.
3. Mutual Membership of a second Club.
4. Participation in another team.
5. Penalties for failure to comply.

Link:

<https://www.polocrosse.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PAA-Policy-Procedure-Manual-updated-18th-January-2021.pdf>

GOVERNOR GENERAL 2020 MEDALLION

It is with pleasure we inform the polocrosse community that PAA Board Director, Sandra Weston was the recipient of a Governor-General's 2020 Medallion.

Sandra was awarded the 2020 medallion for her commitment and contribution to polocrosse over the years. Sandra's contribution to our sport spans many aspects of the game. In her time as a Director Sandra has been instrumental in founding Blue Bandage Polocrosse and the Top Gun Coaching clinics. Sandra is a humble and tireless worker, the PAA are extremely pleased to see her services recognised in this manner.

Due to the COVID -19 restrictions, Sandra received her medallion and letter from the Governor- General via the post mid-December 2020.

Well done and congratulations Sandra!



3RD SURVEYMONKEY FROM KENT WELLS

Dear Members.

Kent Wells, PAA Manager of Umpiring has requested members to use the link below to complete the SurveyMonkey.

This is the 3rd SurveyMonkey on "How well do you know the rules of Polocrosse?" There will be a new survey every month sent out to members to test your knowledge on the polocrosse rules.

We look forward to results coming through. Hope to see you around the grounds. Thank you, Kent.

Link:https://www.surveymonkey.com/collect/email/compose?sm=As0ucY08P5VDK_2BW2vZldxhCEcyN6dQh3WHBG58Rz_UL4dMAR88hvDRvX6xZrpp_2FjQ4B_2BqoYISQe7nn0Bnul0bvQ_3D_3D

BEHIND THE “D”



**Meet Kylie Deshon –
Member of Gulgong
Club NSW**

**How long have you been
involved in polocrosse?**

A long time – too long to mention...started playing when I was 12years old...

What do you do outside polocrosse?

Apart from a mum, I am a mathematics teacher at the local High School.

What is the most memorable occasion associated with the game?

Polocrosse has given me and my family a lot – difficult to pin it down to one most memorable – I think I am going to go with seeing the Australian team hold onto the world cup in 2007, particularly after a bit of a scare in the semi -final. They had won it in 2003, and it was a big thrill for our family as both teams were captained by my sister, Tanya Hollow (now Mulligan).

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

This is obviously a tricky question, given the current COVID-19 situation. Apart from the obvious of trying to get more players into the game, I think the “grass roots” players also need to be looked after – we do not want to lose them – we all need to remember this is a sport and it should be fun. Gulgong held their first “family fun” competition as part of their regular carnival in 2019 – seeing players from 2 or 3 different generations playing together (despite which club they were joined with) was fantastic and certainly a lot of fun...this is just one initiative.

Tell us something unusual about you?

There is nothing unusual about me – but many would probably beg to differ.

I am the Head Steward of the polocrosse event at the High Schools North West Equestrian EXPO (Coona) which is held annually – the event attracts over 500 riders every year, and seeing 160 of them lined up ready to play in the second division (non-regular players), on 2 fields, on the Saturday afternoon has put me close to “being in the lunatic bin” before today – fortunately a great team of polocrosse supporters, umpires and parents are always on hand to help me!!!!

Thanks, Kylie, for your time.



NEGS Polocrosse Team at Coona Expo.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head”.

Emil Zatopek (three-time gold medalist at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki).