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POLO



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Action to begin at Cowdray Park Polo Club early this July

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Horse whispering offers a unique way of opening up a line of communication that is far more fruitful than the language of coercion.

Manjeev Chaudhary, a horse whisperer, says: "If you work with a horse thinking you only have 15 minutes, it will take the whole day, but if you act like you have the whole day, it will only take 15 minutes. Rushing never helps."

Natural horsemanship, now famously known as "horse whispering", is not only an art but an evidence of what love and compassion can build across species. It's a knowledge which involves understanding of the mutual compatibilities of a horse and the person in charge of the stallion, to facilitate an effective bond...

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mage credit: Ray Hunt, horse trainer



HARMONY

The 1990s saw a particular fascination towards this aspect of the equine world. Nicholas Evans wrote in 1995 the US best seller "The Horse Whisperer" that was made into a fascinating Hollywood production as well.

This upsurge in the interest towards horse whispering was the outcome of the efforts of revolutionary horse trainers and clinicians of the 1980s, Tom and Bill Dorrance, Ray Hunt, Monty Roberts and Monty Foreman. In "Think Harmony with Horses", Ray Hunt, horse trainer, writes down his philosophy to promote such effective bonds: "When you ask your horse to do something it should be his idea... he wants to do it, he understands how to do it, and he does it."

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mage credit: Horse Whisperer



Most Incredible Impression

In the 1990s, another pioneering horse trainer and clinician, Frank Bell, crystallised the age-old wisdom in easy, comprehendible ways. Bell's stepwise guide to gain confidence of the horse and establish an amiable partnership requires perseverance and patience. Bell's methods underline the following dictum: "You only get one chance to make a first impression on all living creatures; I want to make the most incredible first impression this horse has ever experienced. If I succeed, I have an ally, a friend who will trust me. And trust is everything when it comes to working with horses. I call the first step bonding."

VICTRIX LUDORUM 2020 CALENDAR

Black Bears Women's Tournament (Black Bears Polo Club) 23 – 28 June

Knepp Castle International Ladies Tournament (Knepp Castle Polo Club) **1 – 5 July**

British Ladies Open Championship (Cowdray Park Polo Club) **7 – 18 July**

The Ladies 18-Goal (Cirencester Park Polo Club) **21 July – 1 August**

Ladies Polo Festival (Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club) **10 – 16 August**

Guards Ladies Charity Polo (Guards Polo Club) 18 – 29 August

Beaufort Ladies Tournament (Beaufort Polo Club) **1 – 13 September**

Polo Recap

RULING THE POLO FIELD

Tournament: Black Bears Women's Polo Tournament

Competitive English Women's Polo began this week with the Victrix Ludorum 18-goal series, which was played over seven competitions. The first tournament was the Black Bears Women's Tournament which got into action on Tuesday, June 23, and witnessed eight teams competing for a place in the Final on Sunday, June 28.



Female polo players in action

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Polo Recap

THE NEXT GENERATION VICTORY

Tournament: Prince of Wales Trophy

The final day of group play in the 2020 Prince of Wales featured a crucial match between Monterosso and Next Generation, with a win for Next Generation setting up a three-way tie at 2-0. Despite a persistent attack, Monterosso was unable to remain undefeated, falling 11-9 to Next Generation.



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Adolfo Cambiaso in play at the Prince of Wales Trophy

LEADERBOARD UPDATION

Tournament: National Arena Amateur Cup

With the Texas Arena League (TAL), Pacific Coast Arena League (PCAL) and other arena leagues gaining momentum, arena Polo is looking up for 2020. More Polo arenas are being built and improved thanks to the USPA Polo Development Initiative (PDI); Polo school students are being gradually introduced into the sport through arena tournaments while seasoned players are enjoying the quick play that arena Polo provides.

In 2019, the USPA announced the new format of the National Arena Amateur Cup (NAAC). Individuals competing in National, Circuit and Sanctioned arena events will earn points based on the number of teams in the tournament and their team's standing within that tournament.

So far, 21 USPA arena tournaments have been played, with participants representing 17 USPA Member Clubs, with more tournaments on the calendar to qualify for NAAC points. The NAAC Committee tallies points for the individuals once clubs submit tournament results to the USPA. Players with the highest points will be eligible to play in the National Arena Amateur Cup at Orange County Polo Club in Silverado, California, in November 2020.

*Information as sourced by USPA

NEW UPDATE FROM HPA

The Hurlingham Polo Association announced their latest high goal update: "The Prince of Wales at RCBPC is due to finish on Wednesday, June 24, and there will then be a week's break to allow teams to make any final preparations before the start of the Gold Cup on Wednesday, July 1.

The final of the Gold Cup will now be played on Sunday, July 26. The variance rules will be reviewed before the start of the Gold Cup and currently there are no other date changes." The Prince of Wales Trophy at The Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club was originally due to begin on Friday, June 12, but was postponed until Monday, June 15, which created a knock-on effect; The Prince of Wales Final was changed to Wednesday, June 24. The Gold Cup had been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 23, with the Final on July 19, but will now instead start on Wednesday, July 1, with the Final to be played on Sunday, July 26."



Polo To Watch Out For



Players in action at the Guards Polo Club

King Power Gold Cup Cowdray Park Polo Club 1-26th July, 2020

Phoenician Cup Guards Polo Club 30 June-12 July, 2020 Indian Empire Shield Guards Polo Club 30 June-18 July, 2020

LAEQUUS



Making a great comeback!

HORSE RACING ON TRACK IN SINGAPORE

Singapore horse racing will resume behind closed doors on July 11, just over three months after it was disrupted in early April by the coronavirus pandemic, states the Singapore Turf Club (STC).

"The club will put in place strict protocols and safety management measures to ensure the conduct of race meetings held behind closed doors resumes efficiently, when race operations restart. To minimise the risks of Covid-19 transmission, the Singapore racecourse will not re-open to the public for the time being," added the STC.



Singapore Derby Race last July

THE NOVEL WAYS

Much to the delight of racing professionals and punters, horse racing returned to Caymanas Park on June 20 after an agonising three-month break due to the spread of the novel coronavirus in the country.

The new normal at the Park was the order of the race day that included sanitising, wearing masks, and social distancing.

There was even a new innovation by the promoting company of allowing punters to sit in their cars on the infield, watching the races, betting, and generally enjoying themselves, without entering the stands or any of the restricted racing areas.



nage credit: Caymanas Park

Owner Don Wehby gets accustomed to the new normal by watching the races from the comfort of his vehicle, while on the infield at Caymanas Park.

RETURN OF THE HORSE RACE

Horse racing returns at Century Downs Racetrack, Calgary. Three months after being put out to pasture, horse racing is set to resume at Century Downs Racetrack & Casino.

Beginning this week, the standardbreds return — for the entire 2020 schedule at the Calgary-area 5 1/2-furlong track — to help keep the horse-racing industry alive and kicking in Alberta after some thought it could be sidetracked forever by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"H's pretty neat to see the resumption of racing," said Paul Ryneveld, managing director of Century Downs and Edmonton's Century Mile.



Horse trainer Dave Kelly with one of his horses

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BEYOND



IWC Pilot's Mark XVIII edition

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Aviation Inspired | IWC Pilot's Mark XVIII

Timeless aesthetics play a big role in this classic style that sets technical benchmarks. It evokes a sense of what the military pilots of the 1940s and 50s wore.

The IWC Pilot's Mark XVIII was created in 2016 as a chronograph which evolved from IWC's iconic Mark 11, a megastar. It becomes easier to understand Mark XVIII, by knowing the Mark 11. The supply of this modest timepiece began in 1948 to the British Ministry of Defence. The watch was created to be a highly accurate, anti-magnetic instrument designed for astro-navigation. It was used by the Royal Air Force navigators...

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THE HERITAGE OF IWC

IWC has always been a leading manufacturer in the history of pilot watches. After the legendary Mark 11, in 1994, the IWC paid a tribute in the form of the Mark XII (3241) model. The name Mark XII was derived from its military predecessor. This was a civilian watch carved out of the design used in the Mark 11, but with new introductions like the automatic movement and a date function. The only difference was that Roman numerals were used instead of Arabic.

The IWC watches that followed up the Mark XII were a successive series of pilot watches, all designated with the name "Mark"...

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