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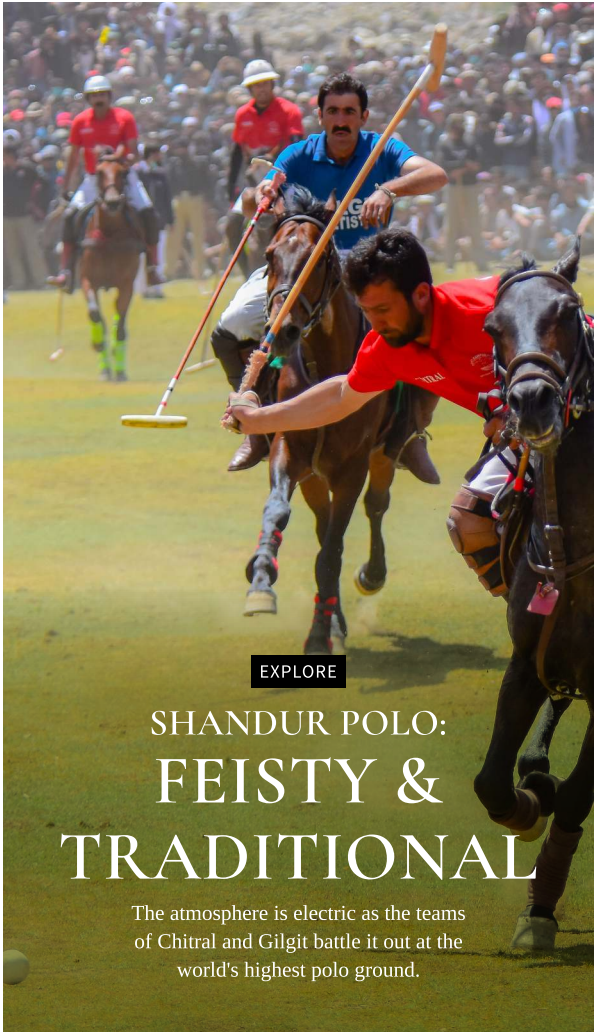
CROWN PRINCE OF JOHOR,
HRH MAJ GEN TUNKU ISMAIL IBNI SULTAN IBRAHIM

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Picnic patches, perfect for spectators at America's oldest Polo Club, Newport Polo.



EXPLORE

SHANDUR POLO: FEISTY & TRADITIONAL

The atmosphere is electric as the teams of Chitral and Gilgit battle it out at the world's highest polo ground.



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Let others play
at other things.

The king of
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Polo is an abiding passion at the northern areas of Chitral and Gilgit, where many believe the game was invented. Gilgit is home to a plaque bearing the famous inscription: “Let other people play at other things, the King of Games is still the Game of Kings.”

As spectacular as it is, it has its limitations as well. Being played at such a high altitude, the shortage of oxygen causes difficulty in breathing. This necessitates the players and the horses to train rigorously and procure extraordinary skills and tactics for the game. The harshness of the ground and weather pose a big hurdle to the players and horses, so they both need to prepare for the tough task.

Chitral, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Skardu have always played the game of polo most imminent to its original form.

“The only rule they seem to have is having no rules at all.”



The thing about freestyle polo is there are no rules, there's no referee, nobody wears any type of protective headgear or a helmet—the only goal of the game is to get the ball across the goal post, that's what makes it so beautiful but that's also what makes it probably

the most dangerous sport one will ever see, even more, dangerous than rugby or American football. Each team starts off with six members with 2-4 reserve players in case someone faces an injury. The duration of the match is usually an hour which is split into two halves, with 10 minutes interim. In case a player or a horse of a six-member team falls and gets injured, the same number of players and horses of the rival team get off the field as well.

The polo players took the term freestyle quite literally and some laws were introduced to diminish the number of fights. They made striking a competitor in the face and hacking the competitor's horse's legs illegal, said judge, Yaqub Masroof. “But only, if it is intentional.”

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COVER STORY

RAISING THE BAR

with HRH Maj Gen Tunku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim

The Crown Prince of Johor, in an interview with LA POLO, talks about his inspirations, his love for Polo, and the challenges the sport faces.

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Everybody wants to be in the Indian Army because of the prestige. It's a great honor, and being an officer provides stability.

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Tunku Ismail Idris, the Crown Prince of Johor, is a renowned Polo player. Born on June 30, 1984, the Crown Prince of Johor is the eldest son of the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Ismail. After his schooling in Johor, he went to Australia for higher education—and has been taking his family legacy forward ever since he took on professional duties.

In his Polo career, he has earned many recognitions and awards; at Indian Military Academy, he was awarded the “Best in Riding Award” in 2003-2004. Having over 50 Polo Championships under his belt, he knows and understands Polo’s challenges pretty well.

The Crown Prince hopes his children take up after him and keep the sporting legacy alive; it helped shape his bonds and honed his all-rounder skills, and that is something he wants for his children as well. “Polo has always been special to the family because it brought us together. In fact, Polo is about family and friends I made in my Polo journey.”

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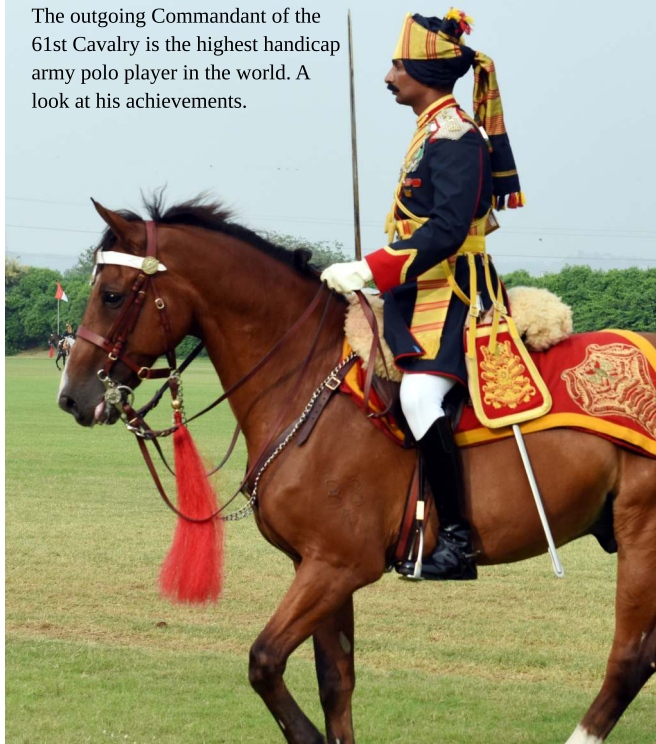
“ My grandfather wanted me to go through solid training with no privileges, and see life from a different perspective. Seeing poverty, you realise how lucky or fortunate you are. ”



INTERVIEW

Col Ravi Rathore: A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

The outgoing Commandant of the 61st Cavalry is the highest handicap army polo player in the world. A look at his achievements.





When asked about his role in the Indian Polo Association (IPA), the commandant of the 61st Cavalry Regiment, Col Ravi Rathore, says: "It has been the greatest honour to have commanded one of the best regiments in the world and to have the unique privilege to be the honorary secretary to the IPA."

The Indian army's highest handicapped polo player, a +5 handicap, Col Ravi Rathore is also an Arjuna awardee. Col Rathore mentions how winning the gold medal at Zone E in Teheran, after defeating Pakistan in 2017 and qualifying for the World Cup and being awarded two Arjuna Awards are among his and IPA's two of the biggest achievement in the last three years.

He has won many tournaments, including the prestigious opens in 2018-19, the IPA National Polo Championship and the Northern India Polo Championship (16 goals).

He has represented India in over 25 countries and has played a pivotal role in the Indian polo team, for five world cup championships, consecutively.

Despite dedicating his life to the sport for over two decades, he doesn't feel his awards belongs to him alone. He sees these as a recognition for the sport, and a push in the direction of excellence.

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ASPEN VALLEY POLO CLUB LINEUP

Adapting to the “new normal”, the summer schedule of Aspen Valley Polo Club goes spectator-free. Though the 2020 season of AVPC is closed to the public in the light of the mandatory health and safety measures, the entire Polo series will be live-streamed via ChukkerTV. The season kicked-off with the Independence Cup on July 5, and is slated for 11 key events, 10 grass tournaments and 3 arena tournaments, including The Triple Crown of Polo, and the season wrap-up tournament, scheduled from September 1-8. Besides featuring a fabled roster of illustrious players, including three 10 goalers, Pablo MacDonuogh, Juan Martin Nero and Pablo Polito Pieres, the season is all set for competitive combat.



EDUARDO MOORE TOURNAMENT

The Eduardo Moore tournament pays homage to Eduardo Gordo Moore, the major-league Argentine player, with a record of sustaining 10-goaler titles for several years in England, and established the first Polo school at Nueva Escocia. His contribution to the sport has been immense, always ready to offer a helping hand to players.

Scheduled from July 1-11, 2020, the Eduardo Moore tournament at the Royal County of Berkshire, UK, hosts four 15-goal teams, namely Elmor Black, EFG Aravali, Conosco and Snake Bite. The season opening took place on July 1 with a match between Emlor Black and Snake Bite which ended with a result card of 7-9.

The series features two 7-goalers, namely Jaime Garcia Huidobro and James Beim, and is all set to livestream its final match on July 11 via PoloLineTV.

POLO IN TULSA

The city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, saw a surge of prominent Polo teams from all over the country on July 1, for a match at the 2,800-acre Mohawk Park, that accommodates diverse spaces, from disc golfing courses to water playgrounds. The women's tournament with eight teams was sponsored by the acclaimed Tulsa Polo Club.

High-Ranking Tournaments: WORK-IN-PROCESS

Polo clubs in Abuja, Port Harcourt, Fifth Chukker, Keffi and so on might increase facilitating light practices. The clubs are proactive and doing their best to adapt to the current scenarios. For example, the Kaduna Polo Club is already working on its pitches as a part of its assembling plan for its high-ranking tournaments later this year.

Thrilling start & proceedings:

GOLD CUP

The 2020 King Power Gold Cup kicked off with a thrilling opening day at the Cowdray Park Polo Club. Les Lions/Great Oaks overcame the Next Generation team having Adolfo Cambiasso and David Sterling on their side by 14-10 to win the Carlos Gracida Memorial Trophy. In the second exciting match of the day, Park Place got the better of Park Place Vaara by one goal at 10-9.

Day 2 had more anticipation building for the tournament as Monterosso beat Thai Polo NW by 10-9 and Scone defeated Polo Stud Schockemohle in a close debut encounter by 12-11.

The second round action continued with Les Lions/Great Oaks getting the better of Scone at 14-12 in the first match. In the second encounter of the day, Park Place Vaara overcame Polo Stud Schockemohle by 8-6.

Tuesday 14 July: Park Place vs Scone & Monterosso vs Park Place Vaara (Time TBC)

Wednesday 15 July: Monterosso vs Park Place Vaara & Les Lions/Great Oaks vs Thai Polo NW (Time TBC)

Saturday 18 July: Centenary Cup Match 1 -- Team Ranked 1 vs Team Ranked 6 & Vichai Srivahannabrhaba Match 2 -- Team Ranked 4 vs Team Ranked 5

Wednesday 22 July: Ellerston Cup Semi Final Match 4 - Team Ranked 1 vs Winner Match 2 & Tramontana Cup Semi Final Match 4 - Team Ranked 2 vs Winner Match 1

Saturday 25 July: Ashton Silver Cup Subsidiary Final

Sunday 26 July: King Power Gold Cup Final

BOSTON POLO TRAVELS TO VERMONT

Winning has become a way this weekend for Boston Polo in the Sugarbush 2-Goal Tournament! An astounding group of eight players travelled to Vermont to keep the play and spirits of the sport in these troubled times.

USPA Intra-Circuit

Displaying an extraordinary show of skills and grit, the Dundas conquered the 2020 USPA Intra-Circuit going unbeaten in the tournament at 4-0 all the way through winning the final match by 16-9.

Hildon Archie David Cup

Team Clarita won the Archie David Cup, a competitive eight-goal tournament, by defeating Clive Reid's AFB Polo by 9-4 in the finale. Louis Hine was awarded the most valuable player and Jack Hyde took hold of the Hildon Water BPP prize.

In the sub-final of the Hildon Archie David Cup, played on the Duke's ground, Team Cani overcame Las Estrellas in a close match by 7-6.



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Clash of Clubs:

VICTRIX LUDORUM WOMEN'S POLO

In the midst of the current crisis, the Victrix Ludorum, a series of seven female tournaments for 18-goal teams, seemed a ray of hope.

The tournaments are held in seven different clubs, viz Black Bears, Knepp Castle, Cowdray Park, Cirencester Park, Beaufort, Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club, and Guards.

While Black Bears women's tournament was completed last month, Knepp Castle women's tournament completed its schedule on July 1-5.

MJVH emerged victorious with the lineup, Nina Clarkin 10, Alicia Woods 2, Emily Johnson 2 and Steph Haverals 4 who beat Rhone Hill by a 6-3.5 score in the final match.

POLO PLAYER JOINS CAVALRY

The Army Polo team is getting stronger with +1 handicap player joining the unit.

Lt Anmol Rattan Singh Warraich is a second-generation Army officer and a third-generation polo player, hailing from Fazilka district in Punjab, carrying forward the legacy of his father, Col Tarsem Singh Warraich, an ASC Officer and a Polo player with handicap +3.

Lt Warraich will be joining the mounted regiment of Indian army, 61st Cavalry. On asking how it feels being a part of such a glorious legacy, he says: "It's a matter of great pride and honour for me to be joining the '61st, the only mounted cavalry regiment in the world'. It shall be my utmost endeavour to live up to the rich traditions, heritage, customs and legacy of the regiment."

Hopefully, Anmol would be seen playing from 61st Cavalry in the upcoming season.



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CHARITY SEASON ON TRACK

Hickory Hall Polo Club will kick off its summer-long series of matches benefiting area charities, "Polo at Sunset" this week.

Starting Friday and continuing each week, the Club will play host and fundraise each Friday for a different cause. Additionally, two Saturdays (noon start) events will be

held under the name "Polo on the Prairie" for those who prefer a daytime game.

The sport, which has been quietly present in Boone County for decades, has become a favourite outing for area families. What was traditionally an event of formal attire, stuffed shirts, and stemmed wine glasses, has morphed into a great evening to spend with family, friends, and neighbours.



British Ladies Open Championship
12-18 Goals
Cowdray Park Polo Club
06 -18 July 2020

ChukkerTV Challenge Cup
Aspen Valley Polo Club
17-19 July 2020

Cartier Queen's Cup 2020
17-22 Goal
Guards Polo Club
28 July- 23 August 2020

LA EQUUS



Image credit: @KimKardashian

In a Twitter post, Kim Kardashian West shared that her ranch has 14 Friesian horses, one of which is seen in the picture, with her daughter, North.



TRAVEL

MOROCCAN FANTASIA CULTURE, ART & WAR

The traditional exhibition of horsemanship in the Maghreb has its roots in age-old Moroccan traditions.

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An equestrian sport, with riders clad in traditional white, riding a distance of 200 meters in a single file to fire gunshots towards the shining sun with old muskets in synchrony-the locals say that a perfect fantasia is one where the onlookers hear a single gunshot as the riders fire in unison.

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Even as the culture of Morocco has distinct attributes compared to the rest of North Western Africa, one aspect of their history that binds them in a thread is the Fantasia, popular as a partnership between horse and man, in the Maghreb composed of Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Mali, Niger, and Mauritania. A traditional exhibition of horsemanship, it is performed at cultural festivals and Maghrebi weddings.

The highlight of the festival, called Tbourida in Morocco, popular as Moroccan Fantasia throughout the world has its roots in age-old Moroccan traditions. In Morocco, it is considered a form of art, a primary component of equestrian sports. Its nomination to UNESCO's heritage list by the country's Ministry of Culture and Communication is proof of its distinguished position in Moroccan culture and history.

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“ Interestingly, the Moroccan Fantasia isn’t just a cultural performance, but also a form of martial art. Its roots go back to the golden age of Islam when cavalry maneuvers of a similar kind would be performed by the armies of kings in order to intimidate enemies. ”

EQUINE GRASS SICKNESS FUND

Carolyn and Melody Ashcroft, owners of Heald Town Highland Pony Stud, are working on their 2021 calendar marking Heald Town stallions, seven-year-old Ghamjon Ernie and four-year-old Glenmuick of Coynach, and some of the stud's foals to raise funds and awareness for the Equine Grass Sickness Fund (EGSF). They raised over £4,200 a year ago and are charmed to be supporting the cause once more.

An open vote will choose which photos get featured in the calendar, opening on Heald Town's Facebook page on August 1, to be

connected with the public's love for them for the 6th year in a row.

The calendars will be available to purchase online from October 1 from Heald Town Stud and the EGSF site or from Edinburgh's Royal Dick Vet and the Balmoral Castle blessing shop at £12 including postage. Kate Thomson, of EGSF, is glad to work on this project again and the funds from the calendar will be vital in sustaining the research and actions to be taken for the concerns of grass sickness.

DECKS TO BE CLEARED FOR RACES

Marwari horse breeders nursing the dream to run their horses in races at turf clubs could soon see the light of day. Indigenous Horse Society of India (IHSI) has sent a reminder to Zavaray Poonawala, the current chairman of Royal Western India Turf Club (RWITC) in Mumbai, reminding him of the draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) prepared in February 2019 for races and auction of indigenous horses at Mahalaxmi Race course in Mumbai.

In a related development, the Karnataka government has also informed the Bangalore Turf Club on July 3, 2020 that the state government has accorded in-principle approval to conduct online betting on horse races.

"The matter was almost finalised in 2019 but a major sponsor backed out at the last time. But as per my discussions with office-bearers, RWITC is keen on including indigenous horse breeds like Marwari, Kathiawari and so on, in their special category races after following strict standard protocol," Raghuvendra Singh Dundlod, Vice-President IHSI said.



Marwari
Horse
Breed



Harness race at carnfield fair last year

Image credit: Ron Firth

RACING *without* SPECTATORS

The Canfield Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA) will continue the traditional Labour Day weekend race card this year. The difference is that they will be racing like NASCAR, with no fans in the stands.

The announcement for the CHHA came when the Canfield Fair Board Directors made the decision to cancel this year's Canfield Fair and move to a Junior Fair only that will not be open to the public.

"Horse racing will have only horses, drivers and owners," said Fair Director George Roman. "There will be no one in the stands."

Quarantine LIFTED



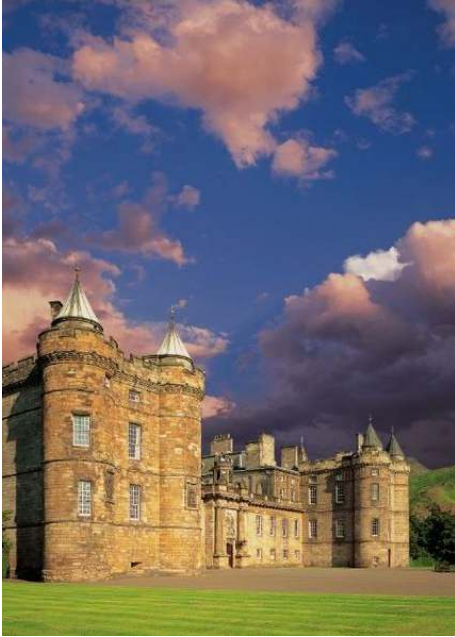
Officials have lifted a precautionary quarantine on a barn at Belmont Park after test results for a horse suspected of having equine herpesvirus Type 1 were negative.

The New York Racing Association said all horses in Barn 37 were found to not have fever and were asymptomatic. As a result, they can enter races and train among the general population.

The precautionary quarantine had been put in place a day earlier after a four-year-old colt exhibited fever and neurological symptoms. Freudme is being monitored by a private veterinarian. The colt last raced at Finger Lakes in upstate New York in June 2019.

BEYOND

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Her Majesty The Queen's official residences Windsor Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace and The Queen's Galleries in London and Edinburgh as well as Royal Collection Trust shops will reopen to the public from 23 July 2020.

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
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