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Today, Nusantara Polo Club is a premiere horseback polo and riding facility located in Jagorawi Golf and Country Club, Cibinong, Indonesia – just 30 minutes away from Jakarta's Central Business District.

Considered by many as a family-friendly, world class polo oasis, the club welcomes all equestrian, polo and riding enthusiasts to learn, recognize and appreciate human relationship with horses, horseback riding, and ultimately the exciting game of polo. But the fact that is the only polo field in Indonesia makes it mesmerizing.

POLO



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Greenwich Polo Club is preparing for its next match, East Coast Open that will commence from 30th August 2020. Due to the pandemic, the club had to cancel some of its due tournaments without prior notice.

CELEBRATE

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There is nothing that calms the heart like getting away to the French landscapes. One of the most well-known destinations of the region, Chantilly, offers many recreational activities. Chantilly is popularly called the “horse-riding capital”, having Europe’s biggest training centre. Spread over a 2,000-hectare site, over 2,500 horses come to participate in various equestrian events. It plays host to famous horse races—the Prix de Diane (or French Oaks) and the Prix du Jockey Club (or French Derby), both held in June.

As you stroll along the way at the Chantilly Polo Club, you can locate the

immaculate timberland existing together with extravagant vehicles, personal luxury planes, excellent cellists, vintage champagne, and nine fields of impeccably manicured grass. Stunning horses elegantly trot around the bends, directly close to the stables of the Domaine de Chantilly.

Patrick Guerrand-Hermès, a visionary creator, had the bold idea to open the world of polo to the greatest number by making it more affordable for practitioners and more accessible to the general public.

To make this vision a reality, on an agricultural land belonging to the Institute of France, he founded the



“They had spent a year in France for no particular reason, and then drifted here and there unrestfully wherever people played polo and were rich together.”

– F.Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

largest polo club ever seen in France, and one of the three biggest in Europe. Baron Robert de Rothschild, in 1920, collected the associations of world polo and organized the first polo match, picking up Apremont as the perfect land for polo fields and for grazing. In 1995, a gathering of companions who longed for opening a huge territory committed to polo in France got a 50-year rent from the Institute of France to make the Chantilly Polo Club.

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COVER STORY

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

It's been long since sports got back to normal routine. While this has affected the calendars, players, sponsors, spectators and others directly or indirectly, it has adversely affected the animals too. In a tete-a-tete with La Polo, trainer Monique Van Haarst emphasizes the things players must look into for themselves and for the horses.





Sports across the world came to a sudden stop due to Covid-19.

Equine sports have been impacted for over four months. Now that things are finally coming back on track, horses' health is important. Show jumper, horse trainer and polo player Monique Van Haarst says: "Due to the Covid-19 lockdowns, our Polo season of 2020 came to a sudden halt. After three weeks of intense polo and months of preparation before the season, the horses deserved a nice holiday. But we never thought the vacation would extend to four months!" After a long period of heavy workouts, to prevent muscle problems, it is important that the horses keep moving. So, horses need to keep moving, morning and evening, with daily riding, walking, or arena time.

Since competition is nil at the moment, the need for energy is also less. Haarst says there is no need for hard feed (pallets etc.), and only roughage (hay, grass) will suffice. Oats have a lower energy value than other grains, despite being rich in sugar and starch.



Explaining the diet, Haarst says: "Muscle stiffness is associated with an excess of sugar and starch in relation to the amount of work done.

Nevertheless, oats are quickly digestible, which means that a lot of energy can be released in a short time. But that's what we don't want when a horse is on rest. It creates stress."

According to her, a horse should be able to eat throughout the day. She

which leads to saliva formation, and saliva has a buffering effect on stomach acid.

Now that equestrian sports have restarted again, the tack needs to be checked and maintained. Nobody wants a broken rein when trying to stop the horse on the polo field after a long stretch, or a stirrup broken whenever above a jump!

Haarst says: "The lockdown has created two types of people: There are some who are suddenly super-fit and have been working out every day due to boredom, and there are some who have enjoyed the long holiday and devoured 1,000 books and snacks."

Haarst says the former type are ready to get back in the saddle! "Just remember that you might be overfit so don't expect that from your horse!" For the latter type, it's important to get moving! "We don't want to be a clumsy heavy backpack on our horses!"

advised to aim for periods of no longer than six to eight hours without food. During periods without food, too little saliva is produced, and in the long term, this creates risk of forming stomach ulcers. Not eating for a longer period of time and being bored encourages bad stable habits.

The horse must get the majority of its required energy from roughage. The horse has to chew a lot on roughage,

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EXPLORE

OMAR KHAYYAM'S VERSE

The *Qabusnama*, composed by an amir of the Ziyarid descent for his son Gilanshah, presents guidance on such profound issues as 'eating, drinking, playing polo, medication, verse, generalship, love, marriage, musicianship and some more,' as indicated by Morrison after a century. But maybe the most celebrated Persian author on polo, as on other progressively significant subjects, was the eleventh and twelfth century artist, space expert and mathematician Omar Khayyam, whose *Rubaiyat* contains a section delivered like this in Edward FitzGerald's exemplary nineteenth century interpretation, composed before polo was recognizable in England.

*The Ball no Question makes of Ages and Noes,
But Right or Left, as strikes the Player, goes;
And He that toss'd Thee down into the Field,
He knows about it all—He knows—HE knows!
and like this in a modern rendition:*

*In the cosmic game of polo you are the ball.
The mallet's left and right becomes your call.
He who causes your movements, your rise and fall,
He is the one, the only one, who knows it all.*

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2019 LAGOS POLO INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

LAGOS POLO CLUB READY TO RESUME

The Lagos Polo Club is ready to commence activities along with other polo clubs such as Zaria, Kaduna, Kano, Abuja and some private farms that are geared with the Covid-19 safety guidelines. Also, vaccination of all the horses against the African Horse Disease (AHD) has been initialized to immune the horses before they begin training again.

Basalt Handicap Final



Image credit: Polo Zone

Seminole Casino overcame La Elina by 6-4 and White Claw by 6-3 to triumph in the Basalt Handicap final. The Island House took the Aspen Cup title with an overall score of +2, while Tonkawa stood at -3 and La Indiana +1 after all the group matches. Pablo MacDonough was named MVP, and Karma, owned by Santa Rita Polo farm and played by Juan Martin Nero, was awarded the Best Playing Pony.

COWORTH PARK CHALLENGE TROPHY 2020

Four Quarters Orange defeated White Crane 7-6 in the Finals of the Coworth Park Challenge Trophy 2020 at the Coworth park 1. In the Subsidiary Final match, Garcha Hotels dominated Roam Real Estate by 10-3 at the Coworth Park 2.



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2020 Coworth park Challenge Trophy in action



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The new normal at the King Power Gold Cup 2020

Next Generation Conquers the King Power Gold Cup 2020

The much-awaited semi-finals of the 2020 King Power Gold Cup at the Cowdray Park Polo Club came down to two scintillating matches with Next Generation defeating Park Place Vaara 13-11 in a close encounter while Les Lions/Great Oaks made their place in the finals by a 10-9 win over Park Place.

The finale was as thrilling as expected, being decided in the final minutes as Next Generation overcame Les Lions/Great Oaks 14-12 to triumph the coveted King Power Gold Cup title. Adolfo Cambiaso was awarded the MVP. The Best Playing Patron Pony was Small Axe, ridden and owned by Dillon Bacon. Pintita, ridden by Poroto Cambiaso, was awarded the best playing pony.

Victory for Clarita and Saracens

The Julian & Howard Hipwood Trophy and its subsidiary, the Michael Amooore Trophy, concluded at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club. Clarita defeated Cuatro Estrellas by 5-2.5 to win the Julian & Howard Hipwood Trophy with Jack Hyde awarded as the MVP. Saracens conquered La Ruleta/ The Wall Design by 6-2.5 to claim the Michael Amooore Trophy as Ben Simm was named the MVP.

MONTEROSSO VIKINGS TRIUMPHS

The British Ladies Open Championship Finals was battled between Monterosso Vikings and Park Place at Ambersham 1 ground. Monterosso Vikings claimed victory by 6-3. Mosqueta, owned and ridden by Milly Hine in the 1st and 4th chukkers, was awarded the best playing pony.

NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL POLO SERIES

In a dedicatory salute to the Irish Polo Team, The Newport International Polo Series facilitated USA versus Irish USA on July 25 at 5 pm, finishing its 28-year sequential appearance streak, since their Polo Series' debut year in 1992. The USA dominated Irish USA by 14-8 in an enticing match.

BREXIT Calls for New Polo Visas!

Brexit's new migration laws will get underway from December 31, 2020, and it has created a strain over the polo fraternity. Those wishing to enter the United Kingdom on an EU identification to play polo should apply for a visa as of next season and the candidates will be restricted by their handicap; they should have in any event 4-goals and may have the option to play in competitions appraised 8-goals or higher.

There will be a limit of one player on groups contending in the 12- or 15-goals, and a limit of two players of such attributes on groups playing the 16-goals or above. This way, the structure of a group, as of one year from now, as per the new

guidelines must include: a benefactor with at least one player with a British or Irish visa, a maximum of two overseas professional players with a passport from another nation (be it Italian, Argentine, Uruguayan, or Spanish).

One of the significant changes that the 2021 English season will bring is that each group, regardless of the level, must incorporate in any event one player, barring the benefactor who holds a British or Irish passport.



Image credit: Telegraph

Thrilling Finale awaited at the United States Arena Handicap Polo Championship

Casablanca and McClure River Ranch will clash in the final of the United States Arena Handicap Polo Championship at Aspen Valley Polo Club on July 28. The defending Champion Casablanca overcame Seminole Casino in the opening match of the four-team tournament by 17-14 while McClure River Ranch defeated Sopris Mountain Ranch in a tough battle by 21-16.

The 49th MANSION International Polo

The coveted 49th International Tournament MANSION Polo, hosted by the Santa Maria Polo Club kicked off on July 25 with three titles being contested: the Hyundai Bronze Cup, the ISOLAS 1892 Silver Cup and the Playtech Gold Cup. Along with the matches, there is gastronomy, shopping, children's attractions and live music to entertain the polo enthusiasts.

The Warwickshire Cup

Lovelocks won the Warwickshire Cup defeating Monterosso Vikings NW 11-8 in the final encounter. Rufino Benasadon was awarded the MVP and Reggae (Ollie Cudmore) was named best playing pony.

Hecla claims the Gold Egg Cup

Hecla won the Gold Egg Cup Trophy by getting the better of La Victoire in a thrilling finale by 7-5. Machitos Montserrat (Machitos Opera/Open Cabernet), performed by Martincito Aguerre and prepared by Santiago Agosto, was awarded the best playing pony.

Polo Angels Conquers Espirit CHANTILLY CUP

Polo Angels led by the three Venot sisters, Elena Venot, Pearl Venot, Lucie Venot accompanied by Paul Grabosch, defeated Omédia Paris by a narrow 6.5-6 score to win the Espirit Chantilly Cup!

The Duke of Wellington Trophy 2020

Finals: 9th Aug.

This tournament - named after one of the founding members of Guards Polo Club, the 8th Duke of Wellington - always delivers some wonderfully fast-paced, competitive polo. Part of the Hurlingham Polo Association's 12-goal Victor Ludorum series, there is plenty to play for.

Members of the Duke's family, the Wellesleys, regularly attend finals day - this year scheduled to be held on Sunday 16 August - to present all the prizes for both the main final and the sub final.

The Roberts Cup

Finals: 8th Aug

The Roberts Cup is a popular low-goal tournament for the Club's players. With the approval in late July from the Hurlingham Polo Association to start playing low-goal polo in 2020 Guards Polo Club has announced that the Roberts Cup will be played over 12 days in late July and early August.

Farmers & Merchants Bank USPA Silver Cup
Santa Barbara Polo Club
Finals: 9th August

Silver Air Pacific Coast Open
Santa Barbara Polo Club
14th- 30th Aug



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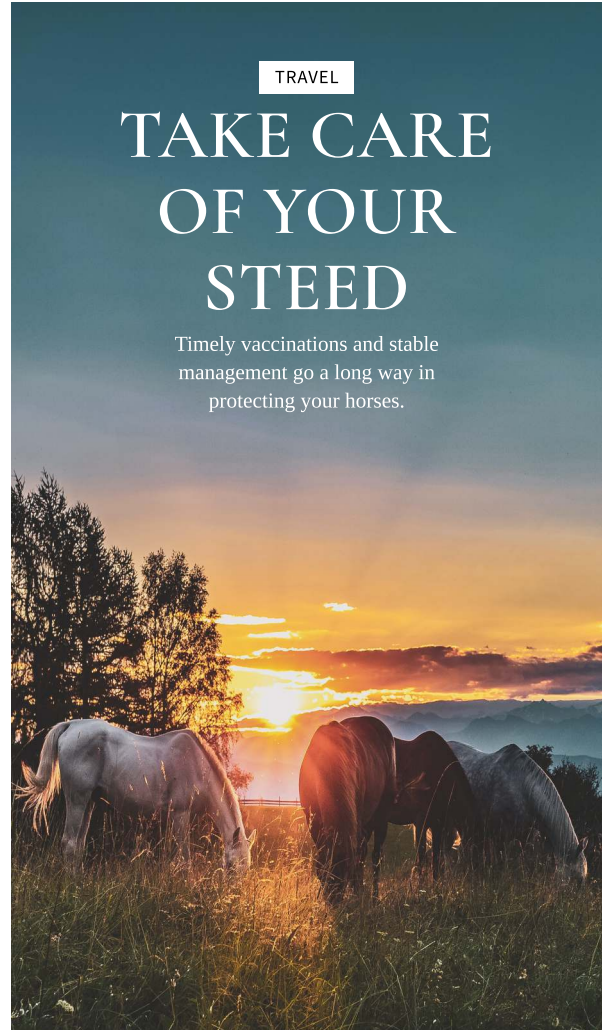
The Duke of Wellington Trophy 2020 in action

LA EQUUS



Image credit: Horse Collar

The World's Largest Draft Horse, Purebred Belgian stallion by the name of Brooklyn Supreme. He stood 19.2 hands (6'6") at his withers. He weighed over 3,200 pounds. He was foaled in 1928 and died in 1948. This photo was taken when he was fully mature. He lived in Iowa.



TRAVEL

TAKE CARE OF YOUR STEED

Timely vaccinations and stable management go a long way in protecting your horses.



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Maximum Security, ridden by Luis Saez, at last year's Florida Derby. On Saturday, the horse, ridden by Abel Cedillo, won the San Diego Handicap by a nose at Del Mar.

CLOSE WIN FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY

Maximum Security, the racing star, showed a lot of courage down the stretch and got the bob on Midcourt, to win the San Diego Handicap by a nose. It was an odd race in that Maximum Security broke on top, looked as if he were losing ground on the backstretch, and then rallied for a gutsy performance in the stretch to run down Midcourt.

Racing at Colonial Downs



Fans aren't allowed to attend, but live horse racing at Colonial Downs is set to return.

Tuesday's \$40,000 Hansel Stakes, opened to Virginia-bred, sired and certified 2-year-old horses, that ran on 5½ dirt furlongs as the fourth race. Only three of the eight horses — Natural Attraction, Merchant of Hope and Sky's

Not Falling—started previously, and each won their maiden special weight debuts.

On Wednesday, River Deep, who won the 2019 Edward P. Evans Stakes, tried to defend title against six other Virginia-bred/sired horses, including Todd Pletcher trainee Largent and 2019 Jamestown Stakes winner Embolden. The \$60,000 1-mile turf stakes is the program's eighth ra Colonial's season continues through September 2 with cards every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30.

Emotions were like wild horses and it requires wisdom to be able to control them.

Paulo Coelho



BEYOND



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Buckingham Palace gin pictured in Buckingham Palace garden with a mulberry tree.

CLASSICS

RHYTHM OF AN ENDLESS WALTZ

Drawing from childhood wanderlust,
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After great and careful preparation, Henry Jacques recently presented a fresh range of perfumes, through prominent locations across the globe. So, if you're wanting to get your hands on some of these top-line collections, the three new additions of the collection, Les Toupies- Spinning, are the expression of everyone's' inner dreams. These are:



* Mr H and Mrs Y

This is a playful world of sentiments, storytelling, and stories of love. They personify French Elegance; the belief that doesn't matter what transpires in life, there persists a specific grace, a style, that must go on. It is a triumph of the natural over vain pretence.

It's the sort of aroma that perfumeries endeavor a lifetime to accomplish.

"We imagined the Toupies collection as a great fresco, filled with myriads of stories and characters...like of Balzac's Human Comedy. One Toupie after the other, one fragrance after the other, we wish to express the immensity and fragility of life and its many romances," says the luxury brand.

It took them three years to perfect this fragrance, specifically created for those with a never-ending love for art and memorable French craftsmanship. Mr H contains Cedar Leaf, Geranium, Sandalwood, Tobacco, Amber, along with Patchouli while Mrs Y contains Ylang-Ylang, Rose Damascenia, Jasmine, Wild Lily of the Valley and Tonka Bean.

* No. 16 and No. 81

This new creation illustrates a mint inspiration. Inventive, expressive, and futuristic, No. 16 & No. 81 are greatly embedded in the standards of traditional Haute Parfumerie.

No. 16 & No. 81 were crafted, with deep regard for significant codes. However, they are not restrained to the past or narrowed by custom. With their contemporary attitude and self-assured character, the second edition of Les Toupies, No. 16 & No.81 solicits us to look forward, not back—forging our own fantasies, voicing our own stories, making our own new recollections.

It took the artisans two years to perfect the fragrances. No. 81 opens with Bergamot and the vivid, citrusy presence of Grapefruit, then moves through layers of smoke and wood, where delicate spicy notes add mystery and entanglement. Rose de Mai, a great pier of customary perfumery, lies at the heart of No. 16.



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