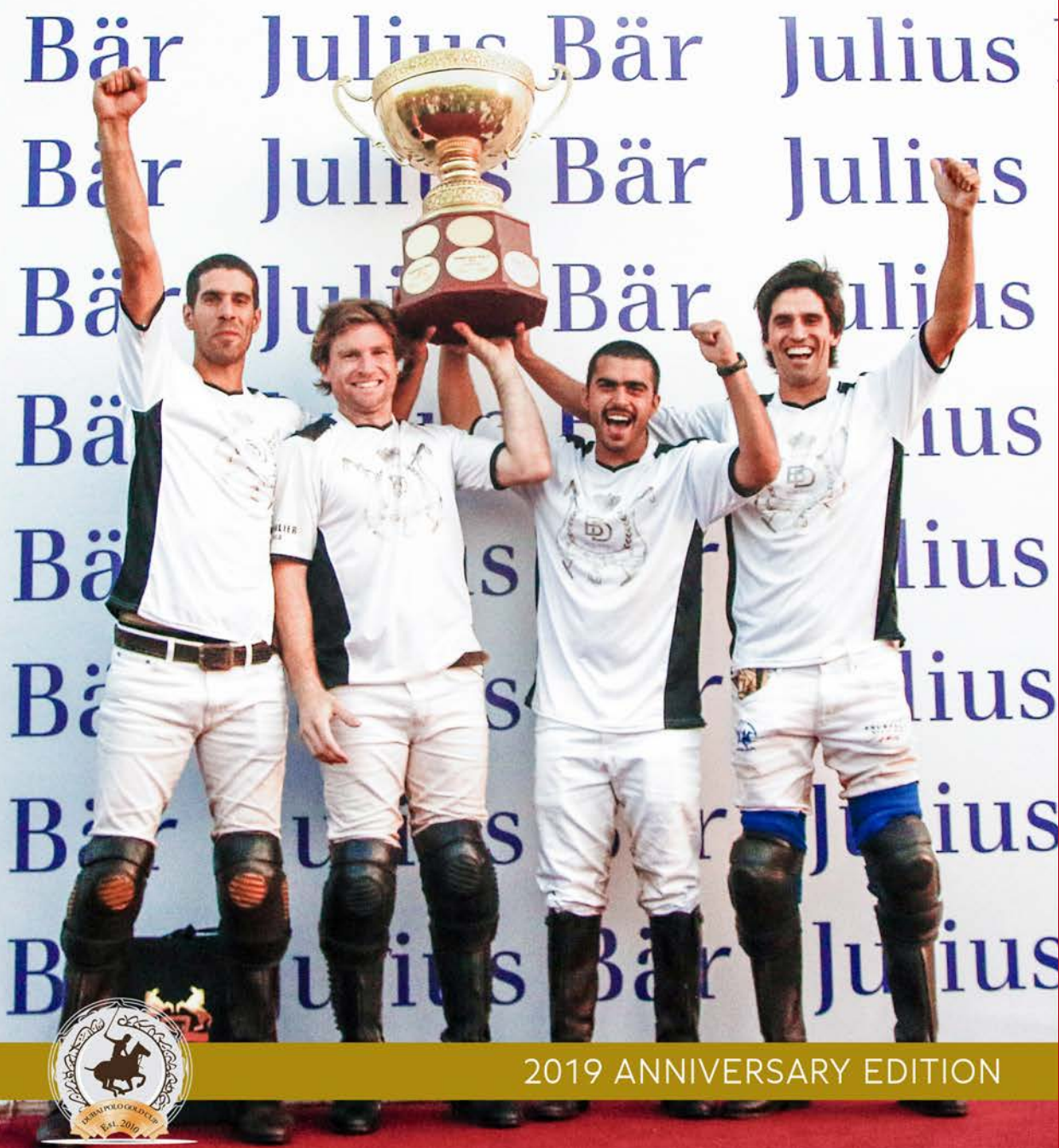


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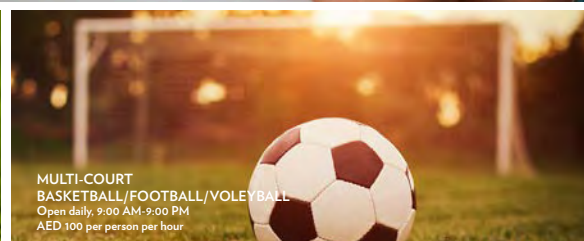
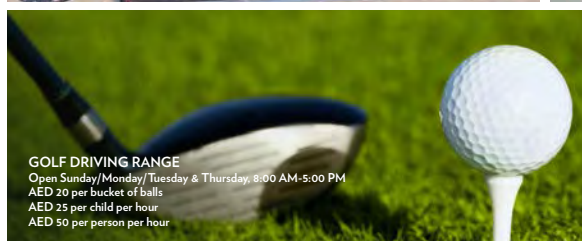
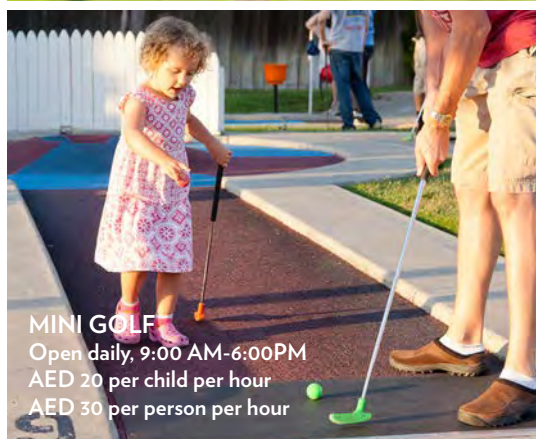
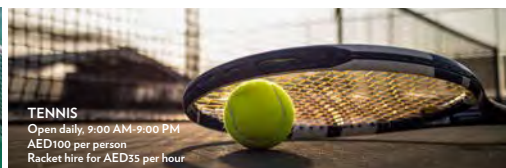
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN: MOHAMMED AL HABTOOR

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 10th year anniversary of the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series (Dubai Open), bringing you the most prestigious international polo tournaments in the Middle East.

Since its inception in 2009, the Dubai Open has been under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Maktoum Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai. The 18 Goal Handicap competition is now the highest handicapped event in the Middle East, Africa and Asia with home-grown talents and international polo players participating annually. Last season, we witnessed seven teams battle it out with passion and dedication to the sport rendering it an exemplary demonstration of how polo has evolved in the region.

I am proud to announce that this year you will get to witness eight to ten world-class polo teams compete

on the fields of Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club starting from 25th January to 12th April 2019. We happily welcome the continued participation of some of the world's most-respected and renown players in the polo circuit. You can all look forward to another season of exciting games, fun, and entertainment.

This milestone for the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series would not have been possible without the support of our patrons, sponsors, players, polo enthusiasts and the city of Dubai. I am deeply humbled and thankful to celebrate a decade of bringing polo to the top ranks of the Dubai sports and events calendar.

To all the teams participating, I say let us bring our A-game and give our best for the most thrilling season yet. Good luck!

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Set within the exclusive equestrian development boasting 54 hectares of lush green surroundings, the Al Habtoor Riding School caters to new riders through to experienced equestrians. Combining well-schooled horses within top class facilities and an expert team of fully qualified professional instructors, the school offers a unique experience through its private and group lessons.

The Al Habtoor Riding School is open 7 days a week offering:

- Riding lessons
- Pony club activities and camps
- Stable management sessions
- Clinics
- Stable Tours

TIMINGS:

October - April 6:30AM - 9:30AM | 4:00PM - 8:30PM

May - September 6:00AM - 8:15AM | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

TYPE OF LESSON	STANDARD RATE		
ASSESSMENT LESSON (30 mins)	CHILD	ADULT	FEE
	AED290	AED340	
GROUP LESSON (45 mins)			
Riding Lesson	AED200	AED240	
Riding Lesson - Own Horse	AED150	AED150	
SEMI PRIVATE LESSON (45 mins)	AED300	AED340	
PRIVATE LESSON (45 mins)			
Private Lesson	AED430	AED475	
Private Lesson - Own horse	AED210	AED210	
Instructor Schooling			AED165
Ground Fee			AED160
Stable Tour 45mins (minimum of 4 persons) (Children under 2 years old complimentary) Slot 8:30AM and 5PM	AED55	AED105	
Stable Management 45mins (minimum of 4 persons) (Children under 2 years old complimentary) Slot 9:30AM and 6PM	AED75	AED105	
Package Family: 2 Adults + 2 Children			AED265
EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCE			
Pony Ride - 1 Round	AED45	AED45	
Pony Club Membership	AED290		
Pony Club Assessment	AED325		
Pony Club Session	AED295		
Pony Club - Own horse	AED245		
PACKAGE DEAL KIDS (Group of 5 & above)			
45 min Group Lesson / 45 min Stable Management	AED235		
PACKAGE DEAL ADULTS (Group of 5 & above)			
45 min Group Lesson / 45 min Stable Management		AED305	
<p>* Lessons are 45mins. * Helmet rental is at AED 10/each. * Payment needs to be issued in advance at time of booking and is non-transferable and non-refundable. * 10% discount applies to lessons purchased in 10 and above. * Discounted packages for schools include Riding/Stable Management which is in line with the international coveted British Horse Society (BHS) society. * Discounts cannot be combined. * All prices are inclusive of VAT. * 10 packs are valid for 3 months.</p>			

POLO ACADEMY

The Al Habtoor Polo Academy provides an opportunity to enter the fascinating world of polo in the state of the art, Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club, under the instruction of the head instructor Alejandro Gowland, a 3-goal professional from Argentina.

Alejandro's team includes international polo players providing all levels of instruction from those just beginning to ride on a fast track system for the first time, or those looking to improve and fine-tune their already established skills. The Al Habtoor Polo Academy provides a full spectrum of bespoke services, from individual lessons to small group lessons, corporate packages and fun days with friends and family.

TYPE OF LESSON		ADULT	CHILD<18
Introduction to Polo	60 mins	AED 895	AED 695
Group Lesson	60 mins	AED 685	AED 485
Private Lesson	60 mins	AED 995	AED 695
Stick and Ball	40 mins	AED 790	AED 590
Instructional Chukkas	minimum 2 chukkas	AED 790	AED 490
Corporate Days (2 hours)	10-30 pax	AED 550	AED390
	30+ pax	AED 480	AED340

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The Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club offers the best facilities for livery clients, amateurs, competitors and professionals to enjoy and excel in their desired discipline. Top-class facilities include 520 stables made of high quality and robust materials, two large flood-lit training arenas capable of holding competitions, two lunging arenas, five horse walkers, and 60 turnout paddocks.



Georgia Love and
Lee Elliot



Mark Philippoussis and
Silvana Lovin



Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor
during Bhopal Pataudi Polo Cup

POLO AROUND THE WORLD

CELEBRITY

SPOTTING

Polo attracts many A-listers around the world. Here's a look of some of the stars spotted on the global polo circuit...



From left to right: Donna Air, Depeeka Padukone, Laura Whitmore, Martha Hunt, Sabrina Percy, Anna Heinrich, Ali Larter, Rocky Barnes and Stephanie Claire



Ellie Gonsalvez



Sienna Miller



Asher Keddie



Jenna Coleman



Abbey Lee Kershaw



Rebecca Judd



Ellie Bamber



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Tommy Little



Jay Kay



Tim Robbard



Tinie Temper and Edward Enninfu



Sabine and Joseph Getty



Princess Noor Bint Asem and Prince Sultan Al Faisal



Top to bottom:
Stephanie Claire,
Carissa Walford,
Jessica Stam,
Leslie Bibb and
Jennifer Morisson



Khabib Nurmagomedov, reigning undisputed UFC
Lightweight Champion with Mohammed Al Habtoor

AL HABTOOR POLO RESORT

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The Fabulous Friday Brunch

Be 'Fabulous' with over 10 'Live' food stations that await you, from hand-rolled sushi and Argentinian Grills that would satisfy any meat lover, to home-smoked fish fresh from our smoker and international cheese and desserts.



This is a family affair with activities for the younger ones and their own dedicated buffet. You don't have to worry about your beverage either, as we are sure we have everyone covered.

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As soon as you step in the property just 30 minutes away from Dubai's International Airport, you will immediately feel that you are indeed in an equestrian sanctuary. You will see children taking horse-riding lessons at the Arena Clubhouse and more experienced riders honing their craft for dressage or showjumping competitions. As you explore further, you will find premium stabling facilities with horses being taken to lunging areas and horse walkers for a dose of their daily workout. Venture out towards the polo fields and watch polo players galloping to score a goal.

“The Al Habtoor Polo Resort hotel stands proudly in the midst of polo fields, and the exterior of the hotel is nothing short of remarkable.”



The Al Habtoor Polo Resort hotel stands proudly in the midst of polo fields, and the exterior of the hotel is nothing short of remarkable. Step inside, and you will be welcomed warmly with the usual Al Habtoor hospitality. Hotel facilities include the Iridium Spa which has a total of six treatment rooms, separate female and male wet areas with a steam room, sauna, ice fountain and rain-shower experience. A variety of recreational activities are in store for its guests such as tennis, tennis coaching, kids club, golf driving range, mini-golf, snooker, board games, table tennis, multi-sport courts, personal training and group exercise classes.



Surrounding the hotel are luxury villas called The Residences offering some of the best views of the hotel and the polo fields. Residents can watch international standard polo tournaments in the comfort of their home or garden.



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ABU DHABI POLO TEAM

The Abu Dhabi Polo Team is a high goal team based in the UAE and the brainchild of Faris Al Yabhouni – the team's patron. With an increasing team following there are plans for continued growth through regular events, a dedicated merchandise line, charity and social and educational gatherings. Abu Dhabi Polo Team is growing organically and with a firm long-term vision, it is projected to gain regional and international presence and exposure.

The team has won several prestigious tournaments including the 2011 Dubai Gold Cup, the 2011 Threadneedle Dubai Polo Gold Cup, the 2012 Silver Cup and the 2015 Bentley Cup.



Faris Al Yabhouni

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Santiago Gomez Romero

HANDICAP 4



Guy Gibrat

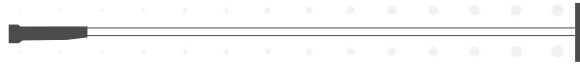
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Alfredo Cappella

HANDICAP 9

DESERT PALM POLO TEAM



The Desert Palm polo team is under the Al Bwardy family, founders of the Desert Palm polo club and a family with long-lasting polo roots in the region.

The family had a big role in raising the sport in the UAE. Each year Desert Palm Polo Club hosts high profile tournaments including the Nations Cup and the Cartier Cup. The team were runners up in the 2017 McLaren Cup.



Rashid Al Bwardy

PATRON
HANDICAP 2



Camilo Castagnola

HANDICAP 5



Martin Valent

HANDICAP 5



Bartolome Castagnola JR.

HANDICAP 6



GHANTOOT POLO TEAM



The Ghantoot Polo Team was established in 1995 by the late ruler of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. The Patron of the team is Sheikh Zayed's son, HH Sheikh Falah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The team won the 2013 and 2014 Dubai Polo Gold Cup and the 2014 and 2015 McLaren Silver Cup.



Yousef Bin Desmal

PATRON
HANDICAP 1



Bautista Beguerie

HANDICAP 4



Juan Gris Zavaleta

HANDICAP 8

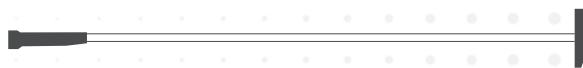


Martin Donovan

HANDICAP 5



HABTOOR POLO TEAM



The Habtoor Polo legacy was established in 2000 by a man with a passion for polo, Mohammed Al Habtoor. Since then, the sport of polo has been driven to new heights with Habtoor Polo by its side. Mohammed Al Habtoor, Patron of the team, has participated in numerous polo tournaments both locally and internationally. He has turned the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series into one of the highlights of the Dubai sports calendar, making it one of the region's most prestigious polo events.

In 2012 the Habtoor Polo Team won its first Dubai Polo Gold Cup title, followed by the Dubai Silver Cup in 2013, the Hildon Cup in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and were runners up in the 2017 Julius Baer Gold Cup.



Mohammed Al Habtoor

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Hugo Lewis

HANDICAP 3



Facundo Sola

HANDICAP 9



Tommy Beresford

HANDICAP 8

MAHRA POLO TEAM



The team was established by Rashid Al Habtoor, co-founder of the Habtoor Polo Team. The Team has played in many international polo events, including the Royal Windsor Cup in the United Kingdom, and the Gold and Silver Cup in Spain.

Mahra has several titles to its name including the 2010 Dubai Polo Gold Cup, the 2011 Silver Cup, the 2014 Power House Cup, the 2017 Bentley cup and the 2017 Hildon Cup.



Rashid Al Habtoor

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Diogo Gallego

HANDICAP 5



Jaime Huidobro

HANDICAP 7



Pelayo Berazadi

HANDICAP 5

UAE POLO TEAM

Her Highness Sheikha Maitha bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, patron of the UAE team, is the daughter of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President and Prime Minister and ruler of Dubai. She has a successful career in martial arts, representing the UAE in Taekwondo at the Beijing Olympics, winning a silver medal in karate at the 2006 Asian Games.

Sheikha Maitha put together a ladies-only polo tournament for the first time in the Middle East, breaking new ground for women's sport. In a sport typically dominated by men here in the region, Sheikha Maitha said, "not only can women play polo, but they can play it well". She started came a couple of years ago when she joined Ali Al Bawardi's Desert Palm Polo Club, and soon after she was taking part in the Queen's Cup and Gold Cup with her team.

The team were winners of the 2016 Julius Baer Gold Cup and the 2017 McLaren Cup.



**Her Highness
Sheikha Maitha bint
Mohammed bin
Rashid Al Maktoum**

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Alejandro Muzzio

HANDICAP 8



Matias Benoit

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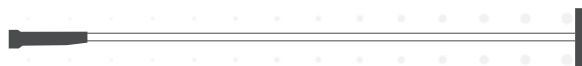


Tomas Panelo

HANDICAP 4



DUBAI WOLVES POLO TEAM



The Al Habtoor's passion for polo continues to drive through to the next generation. The Dubai Wolves Polo team has been participating in the Dubai Gold Cup Series with Habtoor Al Habtoor leading the pack. They are definitely a team to keep an eye on.

The Dubai Wolves won the Subsidiary Final at the Dubai Challenge Cup in 2016 and the Bentley Cup 2018.



Habtoor Al Habtoor

PATRON
HANDICAP 1



Justo Cuitino

HANDICAP 3



Manuel Crespo

HANDICAP 7

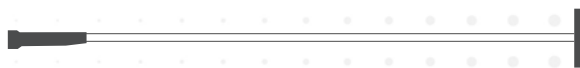


Marcos Araya

HANDICAP 7



ZEDAN POLO TEAM



Amr Zedan, Chairman and Group President of Saudi Arabian company of the Zedan Group is an avid and skilled polo player. He started playing polo sporadically in 2002, however, it wasn't until 2010 that he established the Zedan Polo Team. Today it is one of the most recognized names on the Middle East polo circuit. The team is a proud winner of the 2017 Julius Baer Gold Cup.

The team has championed over several tournaments in the past years – Julius Baer Gold Cup in 2015 and 2017; McLaren Cup 2016 and Dubai Cup in 2016.



Amr Zedan

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Martin Gandara

HANDICAP 5



Santiago Laborde

HANDICAP 6



Raul Laplacette

HANDICAP 7

NAIL YOUR *Polo Outfit*

Polo has long been associated with the fashion elite. The game attracts everyone from stars, sports personalities to style icons. So, it is important to look your ultimate best.

MEN

Chinos are your go-to, guys. Choose light, summery shades such as pastels, white, beige and camel and pair with navy blue or olive. Polo is your chance to have some fun with colour and accessories, so don't be afraid of a pocket square, bow tie or a belt in a bold shade.



1 Toscanini Bow Tie 2 Gucci Belt 3 Gucci Loafers

WOMEN

Whether you opt for a pretty sundress, floating maxi dress, tailored trousers or comfortable culottes, the general rule here is smart and feminine. Polo is not necessarily the place to transfer over your race day outfit, nor is it the time to wear anything overtly sexy or tight. Think stylish summer picnic meets garden party and you can't go wrong. Colour-wise, steer clear of black if you can... White is always a good option as are pastels, neutrals and bold pops of colour.



HEADWEAR

Going to the polo isn't the same as going to the races – you don't need a fascinator or a hat. If you're (understandably) keen to protect yourself from the sun, make it a casual affair and opt for a panama, boater or wide-brimmed hat.



1 Lele Sadoughi Wind Chime Earrings
2 Louis Vuitton Sunglasses
3 Louis Vuitton Purse

ACCESSORIES

Polo is a great chance to have some fun with your accessories and bright, playful or statement-making pieces are a go. A wicker clutch a la Alexa Chung adds a whimsical touch (and doubles as a miniature picnic basket); A bold pair of sunglasses can completely round off an outfit or make a subtle statement with your earrings, like Bianca Jagger.



1 Prada Leather Slingbacks
2 Gucci Tiffany Espadrille Wedge Platform
3 Michael Kors Damita Wedge

SHOES

Stilettos are not a great idea at the polo. Not only will you sink into the grass at every step but you won't be particularly handy when it comes to the age-old tradition of stomping the divots. Instead, choose wedges, a block heel or a chic flat. You'll not only feel more comfortable but you won't get disapproving glances from those 'in-the-know'.

dining guide



HORSE & HOUND

Paying homage to British tradition, the pub dates back almost 2,000 years starting as a great Italian bar. At the Horse & Hound, you may enjoy the more modern trappings of gastro excellence with your chalice of choice, diligently prepared by our brigade of home grown publicans and mixologists.



THE FABULOUS FRIDAY BRUNCH

Andalucía restaurant at the Al Habtoor Polo Resort reflects the ambience of southern Spain. It offers both Andalusian and Mediterranean cuisine whether it's for breakfast or lunch. The restaurant also hosts the Fabulous Friday Brunch with live counters outdoors and indoors. The restaurant is located on the ground level of the resort.



THE GRILL PIT

ARGENTINIAN-INSPIRED STEAKHOUSE

This is the ultimate steak house with slow grilled, finely selected cuts of meat. We choose our meats carefully; separated by texture and shape and then, the magic is done by char grilling with wood, keeping the distinctive flavors with simple, yet delicate, seasoning. Our signature menu items include Asado style short ribs, ceviche and empanadas to name a few. Our theater style kitchen and dry aging room add character to the welcoming atmosphere of the Grill Pit.



OASIS

POOLSIDE ARABIC LOUNGE

A pool side outlet, Oasis is the ideal place to enjoy a cool drink, freshly squeezed juice or graze from our menu designed to meet your poolside cravings. Our poolside butlers attend to every need whilst guests enjoy the cool waters of the pool or lounge in the sun in our cabanas. In the evening, Oasis continues the relaxed vibe as the sun sets and offers an exclusive Arabic dining and lounge experience until late at night enhanced with a quality shisha service.



THE ARENA CLUBHOUSE

An ideal place to unwind with friends or catch up for a pre-dinner drink, overlooking the riding school arenas and adjacent to the stables, this venue serves light bites with a host of beverages. The hours of operation vary according to the season.

McLAREN Cup

2018 RESULTS

WINNER: ZEDAN POLO | RUNNER UP: BIN DRAI POLO

JAN	TIME	TEAMS	SCORE	FIELD	UMPIRES	REFEREE
FRI 26 th	2:00	Habtoor Polo Wolves Polo	11 6	AHPRC 1	D. Boudou / T. Brown	P. Wright
	4:00	UAE Polo Zedan Polo	6 12	AHPRC 3	T. Brown / P. Wright	D. Boudou
MON 29 th	2:00	Mahra Polo Bin Draï Polo	13 6	AHPRC 2	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
TUE 30 th	2:00	UAE Polo Wolves Polo	7.5 9	AHPRC 3	D. Boudou / T. Brown	P. Wright
FEB						
THU 1 st	2:00	Habtoor Polo Bin Draï Polo	8 9	AHPRC 2	T. Brown / P. Wright	D. Boudou
FRI 2 nd	2:00	Mahra Polo Zedan Polo	5.5 5	AHPRC 1	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
SAT 3 rd	2:00	UAE Polo Bin Draï Polo	7 6	AHPRC 3	D. Boudou / T. Brown	P. Wright
SUN 4 th	2:00	Mahra Polo Wolves Polo	8.5 9	AHPRC 1	T. Brown / P. Wright	D. Boudou
	4:00	Habtoor Polo Zedan Polo	8 10	AHPRC 2	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
SEMIFINAL McLAREN CUP						
WED 7 th	2:00	Zedan Polo Mahra Polo	10 6.5	AHPRC 2	T. Brown / P. Wright	D. Boudou
	4:00	Wolves Polo Bin Draï Polo	7 7.5	AHPRC 3	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
SUBSIDIARY FINAL HILDON CUP						
FRI 9 th	2:00	Habtoor Polo UAE Polo	11 7	AHPRC 3	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
FINAL McLAREN CUP						
FRI 9 th	4:00	Bin Draï Polo Zedan Polo	8.5 9	AHPRC 1	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown

Julius Baer Gold Cup

2018 RESULTS

WINNER: BIN DRAI POLO | RUNNER UP: ABU DHABI POLO

FEB	TIME	TEAMS	SCORE	FIELD	UMPIRES	REFEREE
FRI 16 th	2:00	Zedan Polo	3	AHPRC	D. Boudou / T. Brown	P. Wright
	4:00	UAE Polo Wolves Polo Abu Dhabi Polo	10 10 12	3 AHPRC 1	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
SAT 17 th	2:00	Bin Draai Polo	9	AHPRC	T. Brown / P. Wright	D. Boudou
	4:00	Habtoor Polo Mahra Polo Desert Palm Polo	10 7 11	3 AHPRC 1	T. Brown / D. Boudou	P. Wright
THU 22 nd	2:00	Zedan Polo	7	AHPRC	D. Boudou / P. Wright	T. Brown
	4:00	Abu Dhabi Polo Wolves Polo UAE Polo	4 6 7	2 AHPRC 3	T. Brown / P. Wright	D. Boudou
FRI 23 rd	2:00	Bin Draai Polo	8	AHPRC	D. Boudou / T. Brown	P. Wright
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“Polo brings out some really raw, inspirational emotions”

“I think polo’s the finest thing that a horse and a man can do together.”

Known for his brazen roles and taciturn portrayals of cowboys, law-enforcement agents and military men; Tommy Lee Jones passions are not confined solely within the industry that has seen him grow into an award-winning actor.

The 72-year-old has also spent over two decades consumed with his love for the sport of polo. The Harvard graduate has built world-class polo fields, practice fields, horse farm and stables in Florida which he listed

for sale in 2015, a ranch dubbed as San Saba in Texas; and a 74-acre equestrian facility in Buenos Aires.

Jones holds a 2-goal handicap and has fielded two separate teams and played with his ex-spouse and six professional polo players. “Polo brings out some really raw, inspirational emotions,” and continued “ The mechanics involved in being able to hit a ball that small from the back of a horse, is quite staggering. If you consider you’re aboard an animal running at 30 mph, your time and vision are being stretched to the absolute limit in order to be able to hit that ball with

any amount of accuracy. It took me many years to get the technique right, and I’m still a long way from perfect,” he smiles.

Such was his love for the game that talked about his time in the building and maintaining his Hollywood career being an interference to his time on the field. “I look back now and realise that the movie business has hurt my polo. To realise your full potential, you have to play all year round, and that’s just never been possible for me,” he adds.

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WINNER ZEDAN POLO



RUNNER-UP: BINDRAI POLO



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Up Close with FACU SOLA

1. When and how were you introduced to polo?

I was around 4 or 5 years old living on our farm in Cordoba.

2. Who originally inspired you to play?

My father, he played professional polo as well.

3. How many times a week do you train? Describe your typical training day.

I try to do something every day. I go to the gym, school my horses and play practices or some penalty shots!

4. What are your polo pre-game preparations that are unique to you?

My pre-game preparations are usually in the morning, a warm-up in the gym and then go to the stables to see the horses and end up with a good stretch!

5. What are your top 5 interests aside from polo?

Hmm good question, but honestly, I think about my horses all day – the best way to get them fit and how to improve my skills day by day, and I try to be with my family the rest of my free time.

6. Welcome back after a short trip with Ghantoot last year and this season you are joining Habtoor Polo. Tell us about the team this year.

Thank you very much, and yes last year I was part of Ghantoot which is a great club. I'm grateful for the opportunity they gave me. This year I'll be defending the colours of Habtoor with Tommy Beresford, Hugo Lewis and Mohammed, I think it's a complete team with a good defense and attack!

7. I heard you brought your horses in the UAE, tell us a bit more about them? Any favorites?

I own 7 horses that are in the UAE right now — 6 flew from the UK and 1 from Argentina. I think it's a good string as some had played in the Argentina Open and the high-goal tournament in England. My two favourites are Ranchera and Copada.

8. Congratulations on being awarded a 9-goal handicap, how does it feel?

Thanks, they moved me up last year. Now I have little bit more pressure to play well every game and to make fewer mistakes as possible in order to maintain the new handicap level.

9. Do you consider your current handicap status your greatest achievement? If not, what do you consider to be your greatest triumph to date?

I try not to consider my handicap. I do my best to improve every day, help the team get the best results and that my teammates play at their highest level.

10. You must be very proud of the results your team achieved this year. What are your plans for the Argentine Opens in 2019?

I'm very happy with the amazing season we had, it was the first season playing together with Las Monjitas. I think reaching the final of the Argentine Open is quite an achievement. We aim to get better mounted and try to win the Argentine Open 2019 season.

11. You've had a look at the teams playing at the Julius Baer Gold Cup. What do you think of the lineup and are there any teams you look forward to playing against?

Every year it seems to be more challenging with such powerful teams. This year, the team that I mostly look forward to competing against is UAE Polo.

12. What are you looking forward to during your stay in Dubai?

I've always had a great experience in Dubai, I think the city has lots of fun things to do and enjoy the polo season!

13. What advice would you give to aspiring polo players

My advise would be to play polo to have fun, it's a sport in which you can spend lot of time with horses, a truly a noble animal. One must also recognize that you are not playing on a machine, these are animals that you need take good care of and work hard! And with as much passion you have for this game, you must also spend lots of quality time together with your family.



Rashid Al Habtoor and Amr Zedan



Mohammed Al Habtoor and Habtoor Al Habtoor



Lucas Monteverde JR. and Guillermo Cuitino



Alfredo Capella



Matias Torres Zavaleta

THE MATCH

Here are some of the highlights of last year's action-packed event...





Andres Laplacette



Rashid Al Falahi



Raul Laplacette and Polito Pieres



Jeronimo Del Carril and Ezequiel Ferrario Martinez



Rashid Bin Drai and Santi Gomez Romero



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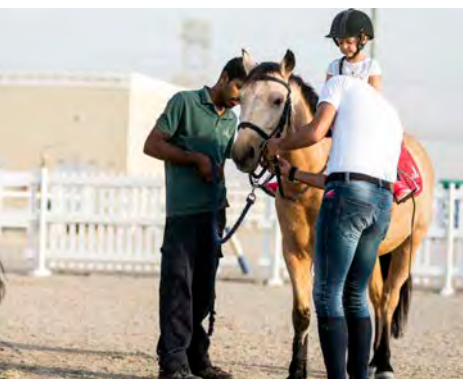
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Al Habtoor Polo Resort and Club plays host to several equestrian disciplines such as Polo, Riding, Show Jumping, Dressage, and Equitation wherein a beautiful display of horses amaze its spectators. To some, it is easy to generalise these mares and stallions as a horse is a horse right? However, if we look closely, equines have certain features that make them suitable for a particular line of equestrian sport.



Lesson Horses

Lesson horses set itself apart from polo ponies as they have qualities more suited to young riders who are still learning to ride. These horses are more 'forgiving' in terms of temperament and generally not highly reactive giving its riders a safe way to learn. Soundness and flexibility are also evident as these horses are ridden several times daily by different individuals.

Lesson horses are trained to deal with the commotion that usually occurs in group lessons – i.e. getting students to tack up and mount their horses. Vices are not present such as biting, bolting, kicking other horses and weaving inside the stall when bored. Horses need to be dependable and trustworthy as they will keep their good behaviour even if paired with an inexperienced rider.

Given the above, older horses make for good lesson horses as experience typically comes with age.



Polo Ponies

The true players in the Sport of Kings are not a specific breed but a type of horse that has a combination of build, speed, intelligence, agility and a "mind for the game" brought about skilled training from at least the age of three.

The estimated ideal height of a polo horse is 15-16 hands (a hand is four inches) and weighs between a thousand to eleven hundred pounds. The manes are clipped as close to their necks as possible. The top part of their tails (dock) are sometimes trimmed with tails plaited and taped before a game to avoid the hair getting caught in reigns and mallets.

Polo ponies are trained to respond to pressure in the bit and along the neck as reins are held in one hand of the player and the other holds a



mallet. They are also trained in dressage footwork to improve agility and control, collection and extension, flying changes, rein-back (walking backwards) and even piaffes are common as the ponies run, stop and turn quickly.

Showjumping & Dressage Horses

Horses used on both disciplines call for an equine that has reached superior athleticism, and they carry similarities in terms of conformation.



Horses used for show jumping are strong and athletic. It is certain that most horses are capable of jumping but breeding plays a big part in producing strong competitors. Warmbloods sourced from Germany, Holland and Belgium are considered the best lines of show jumpers. Typical physical traits include well-developed withers or saddle area and long necks that are set fairly high to assist with balance over the top of a fence.

Dressage horses are considered the ballerinas of equine sport. They have the capability to display power and balance whilst maintaining suppleness and ease as they conduct difficult movements. They have more of a forward reach from the shoulder – outward rather than upward. A dressage horse also has a high neck, but shorter and more upright than a jumper.

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HORSES USED IN EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

Vincent Da Silva

The Man Behind the Art



DPGC: What does "being creative" mean to you?

I like to refer to the process of creativity as Irving Stone did: 'The agony and the ecstasy' it is an extremely painful process but it brings a sense of bliss like no other.

DPGC: Can you tell me a bit about your background, i.e. where you are from, what did you study at school, etc.

I grew up in Cape Town, South Africa. From a young age my parents supported my interest in sculpture. I went to study architecture and obtained a Bachelor's degree from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, after my studies I decided to focus solely on art.

DPGC: How did you start making art? And what or who inspired you to become an equestrian artist?

After a short period teaching at my previous school, I became fascinated with horses that surrounded the campus. I decided then to pursue equestrian artworks and push myself into a new subject. Emaar purchased my first life size horse. It was a passion project that I undertook alone so to have sold it before the bronze casting was a great honour.

DPGC: Describe a real-life situation that inspired you.

Recently I attended a charcoal drawing workshop in Tuscany. The people I met as well as the teacher gave me great inspiration to not only keep pursuing my expressive means of creating art, but also taught me a discipline in drawing I had never had.

DPGC: What's integral to the work of being an equestrian artist?

With any subject, but especially equestrian, it is vital to know the subject intimately. The different species of horse are as intriguing as the different human cultures. They all have their own characters and there is an inherent way in which the individual animals move.

DPGC: What is your most important artist tool? Is there something you can't live without in your studio?

Surprisingly music is an integral part of my process. I will often stop work to change a song or setup a more intense mood with the music. Sculpture is such a physically and mentally demanding activity that it takes many outside influences to keep me focused and inspired.

DPGC: Is there a piece of artwork you are most proud of? Why?

I feel every artwork is a part of me, I equate it to scars on your body. Each one leaves its mark and you judge the work based on the time and place in which it was created. However, I do feel that my first life size horse sculpture gave me an incredible sense of pride. It was completely sculpture from scratch by myself using my two hands. 1,5 tons of clay was used to create the original and I know that every part of it was done by my hand. It still has me in awe.

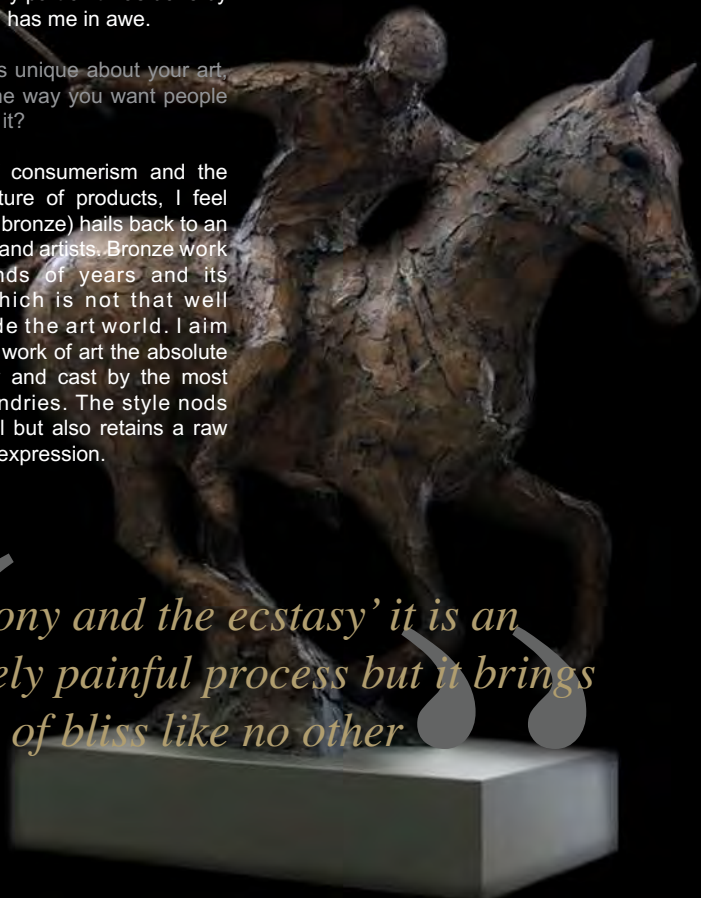
DPGC: What is unique about your art, process and the way you want people to interact with it?

In this day of consumerism and the short lived nature of products, I feel my work (all in bronze) hails back to an age of patrons and artists. Bronze work lasts thousands of years and its a medium which is not that well known outside the art world. I aim to make every work of art the absolute highest quality and cast by the most reputable foundries. The style nods to the classical but also retains a raw and grounded expression.

DPGC: What kind of creative patterns, routines or rituals do you have?

I work very methodically and a lot of the process begins in the studio, the work begins in making sure the studio space is setup in such a way as to create as little distraction and inconvenience as possible. If everything goes to plan the work flows easily regardless of scale. I do not like to obsess over works for months, if a piece is not working I will put it aside and begin again. Much of what I do relies on spontaneity and beautiful accidents.

"The agony and the ecstasy' it is an extremely painful process but it brings a sense of bliss like no other"



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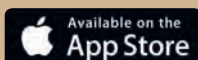


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Polo Athletes Talk About Their Routine Before Playing

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Polo players spend a good amount of time training and following a routine to play Polo in their best condition. They must eat smartly and develop exercise habits to strengthen the stamina and avoid burning out. But even if it's just Club Chukkers or playing for the high-goal season, we can still learn something from the routines of these respected players. Take a cue from their playbook with these familiar and most often than not, science-backed strategies.



Matias Gonzalez

Colo habitually drinks 8oz celery juice every morning before breakfast. Celery juice is teeming with anti-inflammatory properties, following medical medium practices. Celery rebuilds the stomach complex balance and supply of hydrochloric acid which is critical in healing the liver and gut. He calls it a "Miracle Juice" as it calms his digestive tract while playing. A polo player must be lean and strong, so he follows the Paleo diet and ensures that he gulps a gallon a day of water too.



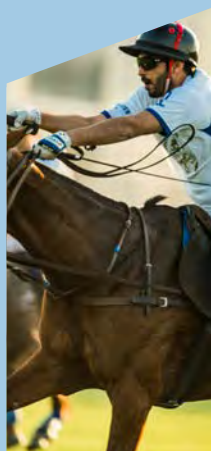
Andres Laplacette

Lala loves his spaghetti with tuna and avocado—a meal tradition introduced by his brother who is a professional polo player too, Rauli Laplacette. Before starting the game, he prefers Pocari Sweat among all energy drinks. Part of his safety ritual is putting bandages under the kneepads and he requires that it should be his groom, Sabay, who passes his Polo Pony until the end of the game.



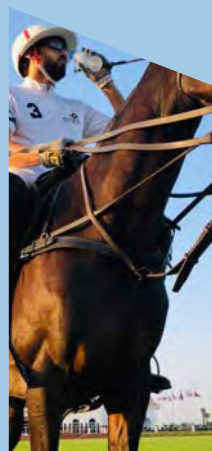
Justo Cuitinio

Justo starts his day with eggs and oatmeal. He checks the stables right after and be with the ponies before taking a nap to prepare for the game. A true-blooded Argentinian, he drinks Mate and plays loud music minutes before the game.



Khalid Bin Draï

The carbo-loading ritual is not just common but something that Khalid truly believes in. Glucose molecules in carbohydrates are stored in the muscles which exudes fuel for the body. He pairs it with cold water or energy drink.



Tariq Al Habtoor

Tariq believes in meditation and the healing properties of Sananga from the Amazon rainforest. Sananga eyedrops improves his vision and focus thus he prefers to apply it 30 minutes before the game.





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