



DRUIDS LODGE
POLO

Charity Polo Day

Druids Lodge Polo Club

Sunday 11th July 2021

Fundraising in aid of



Registered Charity No. 1052284

12:00pm: Gates Open

1:00pm : The Stars Appeal Trophy - Druids Juniors Vs Bishop Wordsworth School

Have a Go at Polo - Short Stick Session

2:30pm : El Alamein Trophy - Royal Artillery Vs Honourable Artillery Company

1:00pm : The Stars Appeal Trophy

Team BWS

1 Wilf Bate	-1
2 Willoughby Dubois	-2
3 Ollie Bate	-1
4 Hugh Bate	-1
	-5

Druids Juniors

1 Tallulah Kalis	-1
2 Scarlett Picksley	-1
3 Lottie Harper	-1
4 Finn Jones	0
	-3

Umpires: Robin Ormerod & Giles Ormerod

Commentator: Sam Tay

Have a Go At Polo

Make your way out onto the pitch to learn to hit the ball, taught by our head coach, Giles Ormerod.

Best hitter wins a free Introduction to Polo Session.

2:30pm : El Alamein Trophy

Royal Artillery

1 Maj Kelly Richards	-1
2 Maj Sam Hewitt	-2
3 Col Dickie Winchester	-1
4 LBdr Steve Collins	0
	-4

HAC

1 Lt Col Adam Bate	-2
2 Maj Graham Brady	-1
3 Tpr Nick Lithgow	0
4 Sophie Morrison	-1
	-4

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Player Profiles : The Stars Appeal

Team BWS (Bishop Wordsworth School):

No. 1 Wilf Bate - aged 12, has been playing for a year. Wilf plays off a -1 handicap and is finishing his first year of senior school in Salisbury. He enjoys riding off any opponents. His favourite pony is India and signature shot is a near side cut shot.

No.2 Willoughby Dubois - aged 15, has been playing for 2 years. In year 10 at BWS (4th form in old money) and studies Mandarin amongst other things! His favourite pony is Pepper and signature shot is tail backhand shot.

No.3 Hugh Bate - age 15, been playing for a year, plays off a -1 handicap and is in year 10 with Willoughby at BWS. The middle Bate brother, Hugh is obsessed with polo and his preferred pony is Angel. Hugh's signature shot is an off-side cut shot.

No.4 Ollie Bate - oldest of the Bate trio, aged 17, plays off a -1 handicap, has been playing polo for a year and is in Lower 6th (yr 12) at BWS. Favourite pony: Rosetta. Signature shot: Neck shot.

DRUIDS JUNIORS:

No. 1 Tallulah Kalis - is 16 years old and has just done her GCSEs at Ballard School. She is usually found hacking on a pony across the New Forest with her 5 trusty hounds. Tallulah has been playing polo at Druids Lodge since 2017 and plays off a -1 handicap. She plays between Druids Lodge and New Forest polo club with her ponies Kiwi and Pampita.

No. 2 Scarlett Picksley - is 14 years old and started playing polo 4 years ago at the New Forest Polo Club where she is currently a member. She started Pony Club Polo on her Dartmoor pony and won the prestigious Jambo Cup. Scarlett has hugely benefited from the junior polo lessons taught by Giles Ormerod here at Druids Lodge Polo Club and is busy preparing for this year's Pony Club Polo Tour.

No. 3 Lottie Harper - has ridden all her life and started playing polo here at Druids with Giles when she was 13. She's just finished her A-levels and is looking forward to a gap year before starting university next Autumn. Favourite pony is Owl.

No. 4 Finn Jones - age 17, in Lower 6th (yr 12) at Bryanston. Second season playing polo. Grey pony, Raffa, is his best and Raffa is aged 24 and still going strong! His other pony is Nano (white blaze) who is nearly as good. Finn plays regularly at Druid's with his Dad Dominic. Signature shot is near side forehand.

Player Profiles : El Alamein Trophy

Royal Artillery

No. 1 Major Kelly Richards (-1) learnt to play polo at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as an Officer Cadet and over the years has enjoyed training camps in Argentina and South Africa with the Gunner team. Based in Larkhill, Kelly is a Battery Commander in 19th Regiment Royal Artillery which is equipped with AS90. Kelly deploys to Estonia in September for 6 months as part of the NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence with the RTR Battlegroup where sadly she doesn't think there will be much polo on offer.

No.2 Major Sam Hewitt (-2) has served 20 years in the Royal Artillery. He first started playing polo in 2015 and enjoys most of his polo at Tedworth Park Polo Club. In the 6 years he has been playing he has managed to maintain an overrated handicap of -2. For this reason, it made more sense for him take on the Chairman of Royal Artillery Polo where he could do more benefit off the field than on. Growing the squad and making polo more inclusive across the Artillery has been his focus and over the last two years he is happy to boast more than a 50 strong squad of regular, reserve, officers, and soldiers.

His favourite shot on the polo field is any, being a left hander, he is just happy to hit the ball every now and again.

No.3 Colonel Dickie Winchester (-1) served 37 years in the Regular Army before transferring to the Reserves. He first started playing polo in 1982 and dabbled in the sport over the years as and when funds and opportunity allowed. Until recently, he had concentrated on soldiering and other equally exciting - and expensive - equine pursuits. It was only when asked by the Army Polo Association to 'revive Gunner polo' in 2011 that he began to take it a little more seriously, and as such, should really be a good deal better than he actually is. That said, he is fortunate to have toured to Argentina, India, South Africa and Mongolia with the Army and Gunner teams.

His favourite shot is gin, with pomegranate seeds, topped up with crushed ice, but he cannot remember what it's called. On the polo field, it's the offside-backhand-tail shot.

No.4 LBdr Steve Collins (0) first began riding as a teenager exercising racehorses for former Gold Cup winner / trainer, Noel Chance. During the summer when the season was quiet he took up polo to improve his balance and riding skills.

Since he began playing military polo, his ambition has returned and would love to achieve the handicap of a One Goal Player before he retires. Due to Covid he has missed the best part of two seasons but has not given up!

Honourable Artillery Company

No. 1 Lt Col Adam Bate (-2), riding here today as a last-minute replacement, has just taken over as Commanding Officer of the HAC. Adam learned to play polo in his younger days as a subaltern in Tidworth and recently got back into playing here at Druid's Lodge under Giles' expert guidance and tuition. Adam plays a -2 handicap. Favourite pony: Vodka or Jack Daniels. Favourite shot: doesn't come into it, he says it's remembering the para roll when he falls off.

No.2 Maj Graham Brady (-1) Graham has been riding since he was knee high but is only a recent convert to polo. At the moment his main aims on the field are to stay mounted and remember which way he's meant to be playing.

Other than these important factors, his main function is to keep the HAC team's handicap down to a manageable level. Off the field, Graham's two small children spend most of their time arguing over which one will be sold to fund Daddy's polo habit.

No.3 Tpr Nick Lithgow (0) Nick started playing polo in 2017 after he was injured playing Rugby. In his search for a sport as exciting as Rugby, he stumbled across polo and after his first session he was hooked! (No pun intended)

He then started to play polo for his OTC, where he attended his first tournament at Druids Lodge. It was there he set his sights on attaining a zero goal handicap in the shortest amount of time possible. In the summer of 2019 after playing both at university and with his OTC, he achieved a zero goal handicap. However, soon after was unable to play due to Covid-19.

In early 2020 he transferred to the HAC to continue his Army Reserve career and to once again play competitive polo. It is his aspiration to reach a 1 goal handicap in the near future

His favourite type of shot is Limoncello in Champagne with a splash of fresh apple juice. On the field his favourite shot is the one that leads to a goal

No.4 Sophie Morrison (-1) Sophie's love of adrenalin, team sports and horses led her to discover polo whilst at university. However, her equal love of cocktails, dancing and parties meant it wasn't until several years later and gainfully employed that, through the HAC Saddle Club, she found herself back on a polo pony... and hasn't looked back since.

Very happy off her -1 handicap, Sophie plays polo year-round. In the summer at Carlito's White Waltham and in the winter at Ash Farm Arena Polo Club. When not playing polo Sophie is organising polo games for the HAC Saddle Club and when not organising polo Sophie is most definitely dreaming of polo.

About Us

Here at Druids Lodge Polo Club, we pride ourselves on being a friendly club offering polo for all levels. We are open all year round, polo takes place on grass from April to September and in the arena from October to March. Coaching is available for all levels from total beginners to experienced players. There are regular chukkas and tournaments with spectators welcome. Polo and schooling livery is also available for those with their own horses.

About The Stars Appeal

The Stars Appeal is the NHS charity for Salisbury District Hospital (SDH). Every day, work funded by the charity helps hundreds of patients at Salisbury District Hospital and supports the NHS staff who care for them. The Stars Appeal aims to raise over £1million each year to fund projects which offer direct, practical support to patients, their families and the Hospital's staff. With your help The Stars Appeal can do even more...

Further information at: www.starsappeal.org

Upcoming Fixtures

Picnic Polo Day

29th August 2021

£10 Entry Fee per car | Gates Open 10:30am | All Welcome

Forest Edge Rose Bowl

2 goal & 8 goal

Learn to Play

First Steps

Come along today to take part in our short stick session and try out the shots.

Then book yourself in for one of our hour long Introduction to Polo sessions.

Intro to Polo Session - £100

Build Your Skills

Take lessons from our world renowned senior HPA coach Giles Ormerod.

1hr 1 to 1 Lessons are £110 or 5 lessons for £495.

Or build your own 1hr group session.

(Price on application)

Learn the Team Game

Start to become part of our club community and join our popular

Instructional Chukka groups on Saturday afternoons.

Continue to develop your skills and start bringing them into game play!

Instructional Chukka - £90

For further information email
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WARNING TO ALL PLAYERS, GROOMS AND SPECTATORS: Polo is a dangerous sport. There is a risk to all who are at any polo event whether or not a game is in progress. Every person at this event is present at their own risk and must abide by the rules of Druids Lodge Polo Club. Please ensure that yourself, guests, property and particularly any children are kept at a safe distance from the field of play, the horses, the pony lines and ponies in transit to each game. Dogs must be under control at all times. DLPC will accept no responsibility or liability for any kind of injury, loss or damage suffered by any person or their property. DLPC has put in place measures to ensure the event is able to run under COVID conditions. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that they are properly socially distanced and adhere to all government guidelines to further reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.