

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2006

BACK TO "SPRINGFIELD" AT LAST

Members will be delighted to know that Polo will resume at "Springfield" this year after 2 years playing our Annual Tournament at Windsor because of the drought.

Not only that, both our fields have been completely re-sown and fertilised (see picture

below) and we are full of enthusiasm for a successful Annual Tournament on the Mothers Day weekend.

The view of the polo fields looking north across a triticale crop – note how the new playing surface stands out.



DINNER DANCE AND MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH

SATURDAY 13 MAY & SUNDAY 14 MAY 2006

Even at Windsor we kept up our practice of having a dinner and our Mothers' Day lunch (although on a much reduced scale) but this year we return with the full disaster.

Our dinner dance will be held at The Southern Star on Saturday, 13 May 2006 and bookings will be on a first come first served basis (although a limited number will be held back for players) so members and guests are urged to book early to secure a place. In recent years we have had to turn away quite a few; in fact

your President missed out on a ticket on one occasion.

Our Mothers' Day lunch on Sunday, 14 May 2006 always sells out so again bookings are essential and seating is allocated.

So whether you might be shouting your mother lunch on this special day or just looking for a very civilised way to relax over lunch before the finals, we hope you will join us in the Club House on 14 May – and remember to book.

KEEPING IT ALL IN THE FAMILY

Since our last newsletter, there have been a number of significant events amongst the Club fraternity not the least being the birth of **Darcy Maple-Brown** to James and Sophie.

Also, our secretary's younger son, **Bryce McMurtrie**, has married his long-time girlfriend and coincidentally our assistant secretary, **Sarah Whelan** (photo to right).

Congratulations to James and Sophie and Bryce and Sarah.

LEN POCKLEY OBE

We did report in an earlier newsletter the passing of Len Pockley.

We will publish his obituary in full in the Tournament Programme for this year, having held it back from the programme at Windsor last year where there was only a limited number of Goulburn people present.



Above from top: Alec Thompson officiating at Goulburn's 2005 tournament; Junior players, at Goulburn's 2005 tournament



From top: Bryce and Sarah McMurtrie on their wedding day; Graham Birrell brings play down the sideline for Windsor during the 2005 Baird Cup final; Graham McGregor, Jim Maple-Brown and Bob Hannon at the Goulburn 2005 tournament.



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Above from top left: Proud winner of the "most valuable player" Bob Wells Saddlery prize, Sinclair Bell at Goulburn 2005 Tournament; Susie Maple-Brown presents the Mrs A.R.Maple-Brown Cup to Gundalong, winners of the B grade final at Goulburn 2005 Tournament, (l to r) Fergus Gould, Lachlan Graham, and Goulburn trained Jeremy Pockley and Shane McLaughlin; Spectators at Goulburn 2005 Tournament; James Ashton, right, presents the Ashton Cup to his brother Wallace Ashton.

EASTER TEST MATCH SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2006

The Easter test match will be played against India at Windsor on Sunday, 9 April 2006.

Windsor and the New South Wales Polo Association have done a wonderful job in enthusing sponsors, particularly **J.B.Were**.

I hope I won't get into trouble for saying that it will be colourful affair. And our Club Captain **Simon Walker** will be playing for Australia.

"HOSPITALITY SPOT" FOR GOULBURN MEMBERS

Goulburn Polo Club is getting into the Easter spirit: on Test Match Day our secretary, Denise McMurtrie, will be providing a base for Club members to call by and have a drink and something to eat as the Club's guests. Many thanks to Denise for not only suggesting this but for implementing it.

There will be three games on the day and you can either bring a picnic lunch or avail yourselves of facilities at the Windsor Club House.

As a number of club members are now familiar with Windsor (having come to our Tournament there in 2004 and 2005), we hope some of you may join us on Test Match Day.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the New South Wales Polo Associations' web site (www.australianpolo.com.au - go to "States" and click on "New South Wales") or obtained from our secretary, Denise McMurtrie whose details are elsewhere in this newsletter.



Clockwise from top right: Killarney's Tony Ryan marked closely by Classic Safari's Sarah Martin; Inspecting the trophies; Millamolong, Winners of the 2005 Dudley Cup, (l to r) Joe Curran, Goulburn's James Darmody, Mark Field and Damien Johnston; Jemalong's Marcos Kahlbetzer under pressure from Ellerston's Neil Greg at the 2005 Dudley Cup.



We look forward to seeing you at "Springfield" on the Mothers' Day weekend.

James R.G. Bell, President

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