

Scone Polo Club

Spring 2014

Dougal Archibald Cup gets even bigger in 2014

This year's Spring Carnival is set to be a bonanza with Scone Polo Club teaming up with Event Mangers; ***Polo in the Paddock*** (Olivia Morgan) to present a spectacular weekend of Polo, food and wine. The Dougal Archibald Cup will consist of eight teams battling it out over three days PLUS four 16 goal teams in warm up matches before the Ellerston, Kerry Packer Cup the following weekend.

Saturday 27 September will be the highlight with special entertainment, sit down lunch in the marquee (side line), music and entertainment organised from midday right through till evening.



Tickets available for the marquee, hamper in the Club House or for a car stand to watch exciting polo with fine food and wine.

Book tickets online. <http://events.ticketbooth.com.au/event/DOUGALARCHIBALDCUP>

Admission \$25 per person; Members & kids (< 15 yrs) free. Finals are on Sunday.

Further info ; www.poloonthepaddock.com.au

Or ring the Club secretary

Scone Team makes Dudley Cup Finals

Arch rivals; Scone and Ellerston Clubs came together for the finals of the NSW Club Championship ; The Dudley Cup after a week of wet wether and gruelling games. Eventually the sun came through for a great day of finals polo at Windsor Polo Club.

Scone came out firing and posted 3 quick goals on the board in the first chukka but a nasty fall of horse and rider (Jack Arch) took the wind out of Scone's sails and never recovered. Ellerston took the lead and control for a well deserved win but the photo tells the story. Great rivals; great mates, great game.



Jim Gilmore unsaddles after 26 years ; and nephew, Glen, picks up the reins.

The name Jim Gilmore and Ellerston are synonymous world wide with POLO. Now after a quarter of a century of dedication to the Packer family and supporting their ambition to build a formidable polo empire and a breed of horse that would

carry the Z BAR with great respect, he hands the responsibility over to nephew Glen.

Congratulations Glen and we look forward to continuing the good relationship between our two great Clubs.

SPC Calendar of Events—Spring 2014

Tournaments		Sydney	South	North
August	2,3			North Star
	9,10			Goondiwindi
	16,17			Tamarang
	23,24			Gunnedah
Sept	30,31			Northern Challenge Cup
	6,7			Macintyre Cup
	13,14			Wirragulla
	20,21			Timor
	26,27,28	KurriBurri (16,8)		Dougal Archibald Cup
Oct	4,5	Windsor 4 Goal Champs		Ellerston (16,8)
	11,12	Windsor 4 Goal Champs		Ellerston (16,8)
	19,20	Sydney Gold Cup (12)	Garangula/Gunalong (16,8)	
	25,26,	Killarney Summer	Garangula/Gunalong (16,8)	
Nov	1,2	Windsor Spring Inter	Jemalong	
	8,9	Windsor Summer (12)	Melbourne Cup Polo	



Lance Shepherd appeal

Many of us remember Lance Shepherd as a very talented horse trainer and a tough polo competitor. At the moment all of those qualities are being brought to the test as he suffers the toughest challenge of his life; to lift his hand, to wink, to swallow, to speak, to smile.

Scone Polo Club has raised an extraordinary \$18,000 to go towards converting a Station Wagon motor vehicle to enable Linda to transport Lance around after he has completed his rehabilitation.

Well done Scone and thankyou to all those that dug deep to support him.





Victor Ludorum progress score

Team	H'cap	Ellerston	Morton	Dudley	Hector King	TOTAL
Ellerston	16	30	50	50		130
Garangula	16	50			20	70
Marshall	16	10	25	25		60
Town & Country	16	20	20	15		55
Stanbroke	16	20	30			50
Scone	16			30		30
Goulburn	16		10	10		20
Mad Dogs	16	10				10
Windsor	16			10		10

Glen Milne	8	50	30	20	50	150
Peroni	8		50	40		90
Ellerston	8	10	10	10	30	60
Halcyon	8	30	10	10	20	70
Jemalong	8	10	10	10	10	40
Branch Ck	8	20				20
Marshall	8	10			10	20
Goulburn	8				20	20

Player profile; Al Simson

When one of Kerry Packer's favourite polo mares "Onasis" lay writhing in pain in her stall from acute colic in 1989 the attending vet was Al Simson. Al attended to the mare all night, and she survived. His job at Ellerston was cemented there and then on a hand shake agreement.

The career of Veterinary Science to Al is not just a job, not a just a commitment, but a passion. Al is an animal person. He loves animals and they in turn love him. Whether it be a cattle dog, a stallion, a stud cow, a wombat or the best polo pony in the world, Al would give them his best attention. His philosophy is to educate people about their animals and to teach how to look after them properly.

Al pioneered the art of embryo transplant whilst at Ellerston and he would attend to approximately 250 horses in the Vet Clinic between August and December alone. He has been the "parent" of many of the great polo ponies sold and played throughout the world.



One of his greatest thrills was in 2013 when his own bred mare "Romanella" was awarded the coveted Sledmere Trophy for the best first season, playing pony in the Scone Club.

Al started playing polo in 1984 and has been a wonderful supporting member of the Scone Club for many years.

Al now works from his new clinic in Quirindi with approximately 80 horses at any one time; mainly concentrating on breeding and lameness.

Al also contributes to Animal Aid Abroad, on a voluntary basis, where he visits Lombok (Indonesia) to observe, guide and monitor the local Lombok Ponies and their farm animals.

Scone Polo Club is fortunate to have Al as "horse welfare officer" and hard working Vice President in 2014.

New Zealand, School Boys, Polo team visit

SPC hosted a New Zealand Schoolboy polo team back in early April. Coach of the touring team, Roddy Wood from Christchurch Polo Club says that it was really terrific to have the opportunity to play against the young members of SPC and to enjoy the atmosphere of the Club. More than 60 members and friends turned up for the match and BBQ dinner afterwards. A big thank you to all those who lent horses.

Both Anto White and Roddy are very keen to foster trans Tasman relationships between the two Clubs so that our young playing members can have the experience of playing polo at an early age in another country.



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