

VICTORIA'S POLO

1874-2018



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since 1874

PEOPLE Playing: PLACES Played: PRIZES Won: PAST Events:

As honorary historian for the Victorian Polo Association, I hope that players, families, friends and polo followers will find interest in these pages; basically the VPA ARCHIVES and some personal memories. This edition has a profile of LADIES POLO in Victoria.

The plan for the archives is for a ‘Work in Progress’ – using the VPA website as a gateway for readers’ additions and amendments, after VPA ratification.

CLAIMS! - VICTORIA’S Warrnambool as the FIRST polo playing district
and HEXHAM as Australia’s OLDEST continuing polo club.

MELBOURNE ‘1sts’:

MELBOURNE CUP - 1861: POLO MATCH - 1875: CRICKET TEST – 1877

Geoffrey Norris, Gruyere, Victoria, 2018.

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ALBERT PARK, Melbourne, 8th Nov. 1875 (courtesy of The Library Council of Victoria)



The match illustrated, was played on 8th November, 1875 and attracted many spectators.

The players were: F.G. Wolseley, H. Power, F. Murphy, G. Watson, A. Chirnside, Captain Standish, A. Sullivan, J. Robertson, F. Hood, G. Ware, J.B. Lombard and F. Mack.

After some twenty minutes of play, the first goal was scored by Mr. Wolseley.

SAMUEL CALVERT who did this engraving, was an artist and wood engraver who came to Australia at the close of the 1840's. After spending some time in South Australia, he came to Melbourne and did extensive work for illustrated weekly newspapers. He also designed, engraved and printed postage stamps for the Victorian Government. This picture published in the *Illustrated Australian News* in colour (coloured by Mr. F.J. Boston, of Melbourne).

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The unpublished 1984 “Work” provided by the late William Henty [Bill] CUMMING of an early Polo family - “A Short History of Polo in the Caramut/Hexham Area of Victoria.” - is a treasure trove of information on polo in the colonies pre1900 and nationally to 1939.

Chris Ashton, editor of the Australian Polo Council’s 1993 history “GEEBUNG”, gained insight on the Who, When, Where and How of our early polo by delving into this source.

Recognition is due to “The Warrnambool Standard’s” report of the first game, 20.8.1874, and to our polo pioneer Colonel THOMAS St. QUINTIN, (refer to Section R), whose brothers acquired a property in 1871 at Cudgee, near Warrnambool.

Mrs. Prue McKechnie, grand- daughter of HUGH BULLIVANT, 1894/1960, a Melbourne polo club player and A Grade tournament-umpire, provided his meticulous hand-written and press reports on Melbourne and country tournaments, at the turn of the 20th Century. My records held for 60 plus years, near half as a player, useful at last.

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E. & O.E. = Errors and Omissions Excepted



Warrnambool Polo Club team 1883

photograph courtesy of Michael Palmer
(great grandson of Octavius Palmer)

Octavius ‘Tave’ Palmer, W.W. Hood, J. Elwell,
Henry St. Quintin, Jas. Atkin, W. Helpmann, J.G. Ware (reclining)

SECTION C

POLO CLUBS IN VICTORIA

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SOMERS, BROADFORD and DALYURINGA 1930's.

THE CLUBS formed in Victoria in the PERIODS: 1874 - 1914, 1921 - 1939, 1946 - 2014

1874

WARRNAMBOOL

later amalgamations, Mortlake-1884, Caramut-1894, Hexham-1946

WARRNAMBOOL Club players became MORTLAKE Club members in 1884. Their captain was R.A.D. Hood, a brother of W.W. Hood. Mortlake amalgamated with CARAMUT in 1894. Some Caramut players competed as Hexham teams in the 1930's. After WW 2 HEXHAM Club included pre-war Caramut players. The Hexham Club conducted a Centenary Tournament and celebratory "Polo Ball" in the Caramut Hall in 1984, when a brief history of the club was compiled by E.A.Mann. [Was the club a decade late ?, Ed.]

THE FIRST formal GAME, as reported in the "Warrnambool Standard" in the COLONY, was at Jetty Flat, Warrnambool on 20th AUGUST, 1874, less than 4 weeks after Sydney polo's press report. Both events were under the direction of Colonel Thomas St. Quintin, founder of polo on this continent. He had visited his brothers' sheep station "Dwaroon", acquired in 1872 at nearby Cudjee previously and maybe in 1872 and '73, where and when preparations for polo would have been made, "he had brought many polo mallets and balls". The Warrnambool Club players included the three St. Quintin brothers Thomas, John and Henry, Octavius Palmer, C.

Woodward, Tom Brown,

A. McKenzie, A. Urquhart, George Ware and William W. Hood. Later J. Aitkin and F. Mack joined the Club.

A Warrnambool team in the FIRST INTER-CLUB MATCH against MELBOURNE metropolitan players on 8th NOVEMBER 1875 in Albert Park comprised O. Palmer, J and H. St Quintin, G. Ware, A. McKenzie and W. Hood. The Melbourne players were F. York Wolseley, A. Chirnside,

H. and R. Power, F. Mack, A. Sullivan and F Murphy. The latter team won.

The FIRST INTER-COLONIAL MATCH in the second week of MAY 1883 was in ADELAIDE. Warrnambool comprising Hood, Aitkin, Palmer, Ware and Henry St. Quentin defeated Adelaide-Sir Lancelot Stirling, E. and C. Bowman, A.R. Malcolm and J. Hay. Sir Lancelot is credited with the introduction of polo to Adelaide with the support of Thomas St. Quentin.

"The Vagabond", [John Stanley James] wrote in the Melbourne Argus of 29.11.1884 -

"The squires of the West are noted as being plucky horsemen a few have brought honour and glory to Warrnambool last year a polo team from there beat an Adelaide team on their own ground."

In 1883 a Return match at Warrnambool in October, resulted in a win for Sir Lancelot's South Australians.

The FIRST OVERSEAS MATCHES for Victorians were in 1899 and 1901 versus NEW ZEALAND.

Bill Cumming in his 'Short history' [section S, herein] has a detailed report. In 1899, the players were: R.A.D. Hood, captain, R.A. Affleck of Caramut, E. Manifold of Camperdown, Colin and George Robertson of Colac. They defeated Christchurch, South Island, Hawkes Bay and Wellington with losses to Rangitiki and Orona.

They won one and lost one against the New Zealand team.

[amalgamations; MORTLAKE 1884, section C.5, CARAMUT 1894, section C.5 and HEXHAM 1946, section C.6]

1875 to 1914 [1922-1939, renamed Moonee Valley], 1961 - 1984, 1985 - 1991, 1993 -

Players representing Melbourne in matches against Warrnambool in 1875 and '76 at Albert Park on November 3rd 1875 were the club's honorary secretary Frederick York Wolseley, Andrew Chirnside, Herbert and Robert Power, F. Mack, Alexander Sullivan and Francis Murphy, winning by a goal. Captain F.C. Standish was an umpire. Others were George Watson and members of his and the Chirnside families, Captain Percival, James Robertson, J.B. Lombard, James Blackwood,

C.S. Ross, Reginald C. Power, John and George Lempriere. Confirmation has not been forthcoming of Sir Redmond Barry's suggested involvement in the early development of polo. Following an exhibition game between Indian and Persian teams at Geelong in 1877, Andrew and brother Robert Chirnside created a ground on their property, now Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.

In 1894, the Melbourne club staged an INTER-COLONIAL tournament at Richmond racecourse. Adelaide, S.A. and Narrendera, N.S.W, Werribee and Oaklands club teams competed for the Countess of Hopetoun Cup. Later in the 1890's Moonee Valley racecourse was a centre for metropolitan polo. Mr. Alister Clark led a home team of A. McDougall, A. Nash and J. Feehan against Melbourne's J.T. Lempriere, H Miller, W.P. Greene and L. Hyland, and a Government House team - Lord Richard Neville, Lord Hindlip, C. Hill-Trevor and Captain Wilfred Smith. Everard Browne umpired the matches.

Reported as Melbourne Polo club's first match of the 20th century was played against the Geelong polo club on Saturday January 15, 1900. Then in MELBOURNE CUP WEEK were two 'TESTS' against an ENGLISH team comprising Major Neil Haig, Lord Hampden, Lord Bellew and 'Bertie' Hill. 'Australia' was represented by the strong Western District team, three Manifold brothers and E.R. de Little.

The umpire was Colonel THOMAS St. QUINTIN, 25 years since he umpired the first match, results were one win each. In 1901, a team comprising E. Fitzgerald, J. Lempriere, W. Greene and

H. Miller 'drew' with a visiting Sydney team of Hawley, G. Bell, J. Richards and Watt, at Moonee Valley where the N.S.W. players chose to rest their ponies before matches later at Colac [lost] and Camperdown [won].

At Albury in 1903, a Victorian Government House team [on the sportsground with the perimeter fence temporarily removed] played against a visiting English team and clubs from the Murray Valley district.

The 1906 Madden Cup tournament at Kooyong included a Melbourne "A" team of Alister Clarke A.N. McArthur, J.T. Lempriere and George Lorimer. Melb."B" included A. Wrixon, A Calvert, Lachlan McKinnon and R. Murray. The Chirnside Cup tournament in 1904 had six teams competing, including Camperdown, Colac, Caramut, Geelong, Lismore and the host players. Melbourne fielded A. Braund, G. Lorimer, R. Murray and Harold Grimwade for the 1908 Talbot Cup final won by Caramut. The Governor- General's team at Kooyong in 1912 was Lord Denham,

R. Wilberforce, Captains Nutting and Burnham. Prominent Melbournians were club honorary secretaries following F. York Wolseley -1875, they included 1898-G.H.Whittingham, 1890-Lord Richard Neville, 1904- W.I. Winter-Irving, 1906 and 1909-Charles A. Lempriere, 1907- Ernest Bruce. The president in 1909 was Dr. J.P. Ryan.

Reports of the last pre -World War 1 polo season in 1914 include a match at Kooyong (opposite the tennis stadium) in which an Adelaide team of Frank Downer, Neville Calley, Gordon and Harold Law-Smith defeated Melbourne comprising H.E. Lord Denman, Alister Clarke, Ernest Bruce and George Robertson (Colac club); 9 - 4. Two founders of Kooyong Limited responsible for the ground, H.M. Strachan and J.T. Lempriere were present, recently returned after playing at Hurlingham and Ranelagh. A press headline re the Melbourne polo club's 1914 Kooyong final between Colac and Caramut, after 7 chukkas at 3 goals 11 behinds each read:

"No better contested games have been seen."

Hugh Bullivant, a Melbourne player/committeeman recorded that the Kooyong Polo Co.'s Ground was not level and too small. Players voted to change the club's name to MOONEE VALLEY polo club, the race club secretary Mr. A.V. [Arthur] HISKINS had fulfilled his offer of well-nigh perfect Grounds, certainly the finest in Australia. Included were several pavilions for members, vice-regal and other guests, the Press and change rooms for the players who, Mr. Bullivant reports brought light refreshment including 'hard' and soft drinks with soda fountains having a second use to spray the neck. Sideline car park sales helped to defray costs. He also paid tributes to H.F. [Harry] Creswick for generous provision of ponies for players at Moonee Valley and at his "Allendale" ground at Mentone and to Colonel [later Sir] George Knox, MLA, convenor of the Melbourne Hunt polo club. All three revived post WW 1 metropolitan polo.

Melbourne Polo Club - 1961

After a lapse of nearly 50 years since "Melbourne" competed in 1914, Dr. Sam Sewell at the wind-down of the Melbourne Hunt polo club, re-formed the Melbourne polo club in 1961 with a ground at "Sherwood", the Oaklands Hunt Club Kennels. The V.P.A. renewed affiliation record lists, dark blue colours and the office-bearers as president S.A. Sewell; honorary secretary B.T. Morgan; tournament manager Ellis Kelly; Time-keeper/scorer Vin Russell; coach Bill Robertson. The players included Arthur Angliss, Julian and Tony Blackburn, Ronnie Blackwell, John Bradbury, Randall and Catherine Cameron-Kennedy, Jim Clements, Les Coleman, Richard Cust, Bill Doherty, John Fredericks, Bill Kelly, Brian Morgan, Robert Myers, Roger Robinson, Eric Rundle, Tony Scarff, Dr's. Sam and Bill and David and Simon Sewell, John Taylor, Tony Teare, Dr. Alec Thompson, Dennis Troedel, his family's firm commenced printing polo and other publications in the 1800's, Gary and Patricia White, John Winchester and Cliff Worthy. The "Sewells of Melbourne" team comprising Sam, Simon, David Sewell and Tony Teare-Sewell, competed for a President's Trophy in the 1965 Creswick/Stradbroke tournament at Flowerfield.

Subsequently the club suffered a short lapse until the early 1990's when an enthusiastic group re-activated the club with Werribee Park as the home ground. The renewed affiliation submission prepared by Will. Alstergren and John Oswald-Jacobs recorded 14 players with a veteran player/coach in John Patterson and continued support from Hexham members. Composite teams including at different venues and times, Charles Abbott, Jim Clarke, Richard Simpson and James Weatherly won at Werribee Park, Flowerfield, Adelaide and tournaments elsewhere. Anto White of "Belltrees" polo club, N.S.W., boosted the strength of the new club as host/mentor at his property and by the introduction of annual Melbourne versus Belltrees polo club home and away matches.

Other players included Tony Blakely, Andrew Chirnside - whose ancestor/name-sake was a Melbourne Club player in the 1870's-, Richard Compton-Burnett, John Pennington, and Robin White-Smith. An innovation was the series of twilight polo games at Werribee Park. Melbourne players on handicaps in the late 1990's included- J. Appleby, R. Baulch, G. Cameron, R. Ellis, R. Faulkner, M. Gillchrist, M. Gray, L. Hine, P. Hurley, L. Jabara, L. Meyer, J. Vanner, D. Webb and E. Whittington. Office-bearers in recent years included Tim Kyte.

1884

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CARAMUT

1894 (MORTLAKE and CARAMUT amalgamation)

Players included the 1874 Warrnambool club members and W.J.T. Armstrong, R.A. Affleck, J. McArthur, S.F. Mann and E.R.de Little, one of the Caramut founders. He had been to polo in India in the 1880's and later formed his Caramut House team including 'Albie' Affleck and son Jaime wearing Cambridge University's Hawkes Club maroon and gold colours. To mark the 25th year of polo, the Melbourne Cup festivities in 1899 included 2 matches between "Australia" - three Manifold brothers and E.R.de Little (the winners) and a scratch English team including Major Neil Haig, Inniskillen Dragoons, ADC to the Governor of W.A. The umpire was Colonel THOMAS St. QUINTIN. Andrew Chirnside, W.R. Cumming, H. Osborne, J. Robertson and Rod Urquhart were among early players. In 1901 a Victorian team with Caramut's R.A.D. Hood and R.A. Affleck, Colac's Colin and George Robertson and E. Manifold of the Camperdown club won seven of the ten matches played on both Islands, while on an extended playing tour in New Zealand. Bill Cumming describes a triumphant tour of New South Wales by W.T. and J.C. Manifold of Camperdown, R.A.D. Hood and E.R. de Little of Caramut, the latter was named in the press as;

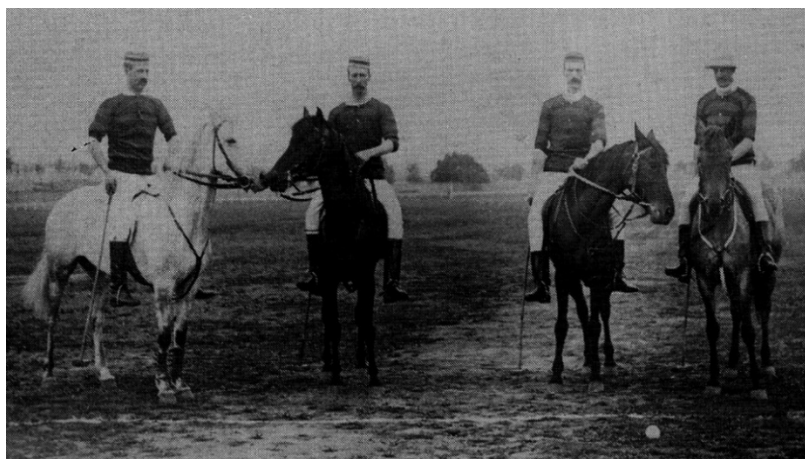
"probably Australia's Greatest Player of that, or any other time" !

From 1909 to 1914 Rod and Keith Urquhart of 'Boonerah', Hexham and Ronald Cumming of 'Mt. Fyans' were mentored by R.A.D. Hood of the Caramut A team. The three young B team players and the veteran were widely known as "Hood's Pups". They won the Talbot cup in 1909 and were A grade finalists at Kooyong in 1912. Sadly Rod Urquhart was killed in World War 1. He, R.A.D. Hood, R.A. Affleck and Keith Calvert from Colac had competed at the Adelaide 1914 tournament.

The Club's teams were successful with wins in the 1922 Cumming Cup and the Colac Challenge Cup for A teams and the Moonee Valley Cup in Melbourne by the Caramut C 'boys'- C.C. Kelly and J.E.de Little with K. Urquhart and R. Cumming. The latter two players comprised the A-team with the two Calvert brothers - Keith and Neil. R. Cumming. K. Calvert, J.E de Little and James Affleck won the 1923 Cumming Cup and with John Manifold replacing Calvert they won the Barr Smith Cup in Adelaide.

Caramut remained a dominant club in Australia throughout the 1920's. From the end of the 1930 season when the effects of "The Great Depression" were Australia wide, polo in the Western District. waned until, as Bill Cumming has reported, Caramut was fortunate to welcome long-term key players - R. (Boy) Armstrong, Angus Urquhart, D. Moffat, Stan Winter-Irving, C. Whitehead, C. Robertson, and J.E.F.(Jim) Mann among them. In November 1930 Caramut staged the Cumming and Somers Cups.

The Caramut A team during the early 1930's of C.C. Kelly, J. de Little, K. Urquhart and J.E.F. Mann were almost unbeatable. They visited the NSW Cunnamulla district clubs, including Eulo.



The 1896 Caramut Team
R.A. Affleck, E.R. de Little,
R.A.D. Hood, W.J.T. Armstrong

from the Hexham 1984 Centenary
Tournament Souvenir Programme

1946

In a 1935 polo day convened on the Hexham Race Course, new players were J. Allen, A. Coy, R.G Bryant, Neville B. Palmer, Roy Palmer, Geoff and Ken Palmer, John McDonald, W. Armstrong and later by veteran J. Hindhaugh. From these came the first designated HEXHAM club team -

R.G. [Dick] Bryant, Jim Allen, John McDonald and Neville Palmer, son of C.B. and whose grandfather was a player in the 1874, 1875 and 1883 Warrnambool/Mortlake teams. This Hexham B team competed for the 1936 Stradbroke Cup, won by Caramut-A - C.C. Kelly, J. de Little,

K. Urquhart and J.E.F. Mann - labelled the 'Caramut Greats' who also represented Victoria in the 1938 Australasian Gold Cup at Moonee Valley. A third Hexham team competing locally included Ian Armstrong, Roy Palmer, Geoff Palmer and Alan Coy. Players in 1938 and 1939 also were Neil and Rod Calvert and J.A.L. de Little. Caramut won the Cumming Cup outright after victories in 1938 and '39. A Hexham team- Dick Bryant, Noel Calvert and Neville Palmer- competed at the first Royal Melbourne Show polo in September 1939. Post WW 2, at the first club matches were- Hexham-A:-

R. Bryant, J. Allen, W. Weatherly, A. Coy [injured, replaced by Keith Urquhart (Jun.)],
Hexham-B:-

J. Kelly, N. Calvert, H. Wettenhall, N. Palmer [whose family presented the Claude Palmer cup for junior teams 'off-scratch']

and Cavendish-A: -C. Featherstonhaugh, D. Reid with D. and A. Gardner.

Inter-club matches were held in 1948, when J. Allen, J. de Little, K. Urquhart and J. Mann defeated Adelaide - D. Patterson, A.R. Creswick, J. Noonan and R. Porter.

At the 1948 Melbourne Show night polo, R. Bryant, C. Kelly and N. Calvert defeated Melbourne Hunt :-A. Creswick, S. Wood and S. Greaves/J. Mann for the trophy. The club's ground was moved to "Boonerah", the property of the Urquhart family at Hexham in 1961 and subsequently to the sportsgrounds complex at Terang in 1978. Other players for Hexham in the 1950's, '60's and '70's included; Charles Abbott, Ant. Baillieu, David Baulch, Alan Calvert, Noel Calvert, Andrew Chirnside, Jim Clarke, Jack de Little, Ken Glasser, Tim Harding, John W. Goold, John Gubbins, Colin Kelly, B. Kelly, James A. Kelly, Kim. Kelly, Rob. Kelly, Rob Leishman, Angus MacLachlan, Ted [E.A.] Mann, John Mann, Richard Mann, Clive Manifold, Ian Morrison, Jim Morrison, John Nash, Robert Nash, Alan Officer, George Officer, J. Officer, Neville B. Palmer, James Richardson, William, James and Richard Weatherly. The 1984 Hexham Centenary Tournament program contains a précis of the club's history by Ted Mann. Two great pre-war players, J.E.F. Mann and J.E. de Little were joined by W.W. Weatherly and J.W. Kelly [son of C.C. Kelly]. The team dominated Victorian polo for the next six years winning the Barr-Smith Cup [in Adelaide] in 1949 and 1951 and the Urquhart Cup in 1950 and 1952. Jack de Little retired in 1953 and was replaced by J.A. [Jim] Kelly, brother of John [J.W.]. This team, 26 goals, played the 29 goal handicapped New Zealand team, in the 1954 Australasian Gold Cup final at Flemington Racecourse, losing 6 goals to 3 goals. They had defeated N.S.W. 6-5 in an earlier game.

Then Bill Weatherly retired and A.W. [Alan] Officer took his place. Through the 1950's Jim Mann retained his 6 goal handicap and both Kellys reached 5 goals. Playing numbers were down in the late 60's, Keith Urquhart, Jim Clarke and Alan Officer with visiting players including the Hardings and Sam Vestey represented the club. Then James Weatherly, Bill's son came into the team. In 1970, he and John Kelly, after Olympic Games team commitments, took two novice players, Clive Manifold and [Ted] Mann on southern N.S.W. and Adelaide "cups- winning" tours. Alan Officer returned on Manifold's retirement and John Goold replaced James Weatherly after he suffered a broken leg. They stayed together until 1980 when Hexham's key post war player John W. Kelly retired. Anthony Baillieu joined and on James Weatherly's retirement, Charles Abbott completed the four. Other players in the 1980's and '90's included Rob Greig, Simon Gubbins, Kim Kelly, Anthony Kelly, Charles. Baillieu, Tim Stewart, John Patterson, Bill and son Mark Mackinnon, Bruce Officer son of Alan, Tim Clarke son of Jim, Nick Manifold son of Clive and William Mann, a great-nephew of J.E.F. Mann.

1870s (or 80's ?)

As reported elsewhere, the Chirnsides of 'Werribee Park' developed a polo ground after attending the Persia versus India game in February 1877, at Geelong. Certainly by the 1890's a Geelong polo club was staging tournaments including teams from Melbourne and county districts. In 1906 a Geelong team of T. and A. Cunningham, H. Watson and J.S. Orr reached the semi-finals of the Madden Cup at the Kooyong tournament which attracted ten teams. The Caramut team comprising Hood, Bayles, Cumming and de Little won the Cup. Other Geelong club players included J. Bell,

F. Donaghy, F. Stoddart, and Neil Calvert. The 1910 Geelong tournament was held on the Osborne House ground. Caramut won the Talbot Cup. Geelong players were J.S.B. Orr, J. Bell, A.H. and T.R. Cunningham

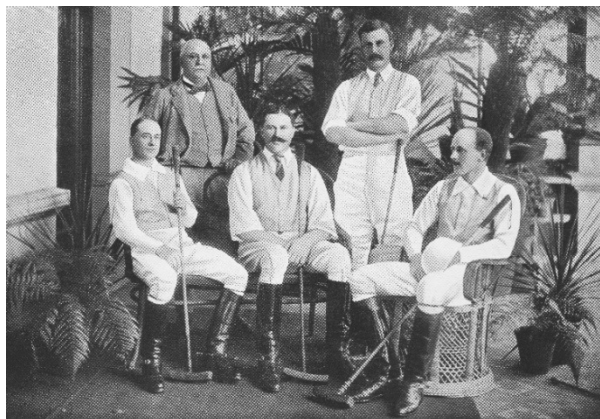
CAMPERDOWN

1894

The 1895 club team including J.C., W.T. and T.P. Manifold [the latter later killed while hunting] and L. McArthur defeated a Sydney team at Moonee Valley on 28.11.1898 - H.J. Hill, C.C. Stephen, F.B. Fairfax and R.E. Horsfall and won the 1898 and 1899 Colac Challenge Cups and again in 1902 with W.T. and E. Manifold, J. Hindhaugh and H. Stansmore. The two Manifold brothers- J.C. and W.T., with E.R. de Little, R.A.D. Hood and R.A. Affleck from Caramut had a successful tour of New South Wales in 1905, winning matches against Sydney, Quirindi and Weetalibah clubs with a total goal score of 43 and only 3 scored by their opponents. Four Manifold brothers represented Camperdown overseas and/or in Australia for several decades. In 1908 Camperdown's E. Manifold, H. Stansmore, A. Reid and T. Bailey won the Talbot Cup from Caramut at Kooyong. The 1910 final saw a reversal, Reid and E. Manifold were replaced by Hindaugh and W.T. Manifold. C.B. Palmer, a Camperdown player- son of O. Palmer, a player in the 1874 and 1875 matches at Warrnambool and Melbourne, managed the Caramut team's visit to the Adelaide tournament in 1914. Camperdown tournaments were staged throughout the 1920's.

At the 1921 club tournament were teams from Tallangatta and Wagga Wagga clubs. In the 1923 Cumming Cup played at Caramut the host club defeated Camperdown's R. Brisbane, J. and T. C. Manifold and W. Winter-Irving in the final. Camperdown players in the 1920's also were C.B. Palmer- playing his 40th season- in the Camperdown B team in the club's 1925 tournament, J. Stansmore whose father Harry was also a long term player, I. Black, A.J. Staughton, and C.P. Robertson. In the final of the 1926 Australasian Gold Cup at Moonee Valley. The Victoria B team comprising Camperdown players- John and T.C. Manifold, H.C. Robertson and O. Winter-Irving was beaten 5-6 by Victoria A being the Caramut A team. The 1928 Caramut tournament, a "wash-out" half-way through, was transferred to Camperdown. The Cumming Cup was won by Harden [N.S.W.]. A Peterborough named team of W.R. Cumming, Foster Rutledge, Angus Urquhart and Stan Winter-Irving competed at the Camperdown tournament that year.

In the Camperdown district between the world wars a Settlement of former Indian Army Officers, some former players, was established at Leslie Manor. J.G. Kristianson in her book, "Brother Officers on the Sheeps' Back" refers to Colonel Staughton having asked the Edge brothers Felix and Eric to train ponies. The Camperdown club played a major role in the enjoyment and growth of polo in Victoria during the relatively brief time of peace between the World Wars.



The English team that played an Australian team in the first polo match between the two, in Australia. (standing L to R) Col St Quintin [late 10th Hussars], Umpire, Bertie Hill, No 2; (seated) Maj Hon G. Bryan [late 10th Hussars], No 1, Capt Neil Haig, [Inniskillings], Back, Capt Hon T. Brand [10th Hussars], No 3.

The Australians were three Manifolds (Camperdown) and de Little (Caramut).

The match was played at Moonee Valley, Melbourne Cup Week, 2nd & 7th Nov, 1898

Information & photo from Col T. St Quintin's book 'Chances of Sports of Sorts in Five Continents' (pub W. Blackwood & Sons, London).

COLAC

Section C.7

1896

Formed from the Hunt Club membership on November 28th 1896, the founders were A.G. Chirnside, Everard Browne and C. Howell, Chairman. "The Hill" ground was the club's base and known as Polo Hill.

The Colac Challenge Cup was won in 1897 by Caramut, in 1898 by Camperdown then for the first time by Colac's Robertson brothers - James, George and Colin with Everard Browne in 1900. The latter two Robertsons toured New Zealand in the triumphant "Victoria" team with two 'Caramuts' and a Camperdown player in 1900. Colac won the 1906 Madden Cup from Caramut at the Melbourne tournament. The Colac Challenge Cup was played for up to WW 1. Other Colac players pre-1914 - included A., K. & N. Calvert, W. Winter-Irving, R.A Ramsay, C.P. Robertson, E. Parsons.

Colac 'B' team in 1912 included the three Calverts and Everard Browne, at the Kooyong tournament. Keith Calvert joined R.A.D. Hood, R.A. Affleck and Roddy Urquhart in a very successful visit to South Australia, in 1914. [Bill] Cumming advises that the Calvert brothers subsequently moved from the Colac area, Keith to Terrinallum South and Neil to Hopkins Hill, where he joined Caramut.

The Colac Challenge Cup of 1922 was won by Caramut. The club fielded one of the 12 teams competing in the 1925 Australasian Gold Cup tournament at Moonee Valley racecourse.

SKIPTON

1896

Reported as one of the founding clubs of the Victorian Polo Association.

A Skipton team competed at the 1897 Colac club's tournament.

GIRGARRE

1896

The 1896 - 1912 Registered List of Victorian polo ponies includes several owned by Girgarre players. W.H. Cumming first records a Girgarre team in 1906 as competing at Caramut and comprising J.W. and O. Winter-Irving, and G. Robertson. This team won the 1907 inaugural Cumming Cup presented by W.B. Cumming of Mt. Fyans. The three Winter-Irvings and Everard Browne also played in the Melbourne tournament at Kooyong in 1908.

Bill Cumming reports that Oliver Winter-Irving, an able senior grade player had only one arm, and Hugh Bullivant wrote that he was Australia's best back player in 1910.

LISMORE

1905

The Lismore club competed at the 1906 Kooyong tournament. Players were E. Austin, T. Bailey, Alan Currie and Gordon Chirnside. They played in the 1908 Madden Cup, one of nine teams. Lismore was included in the Victorian Register of polo ponies for the period 1896-1912.

TERANG

1909

The 1896-1912 Register of ponies included those of Terang players.

CARLTON [equestrian club] ?

1910

From a photograph in the possession of Sylvia Harris, East Ulverstone, Tasmania of which a description was forwarded to Geoffrey Norris 40 years ago, the Carlton club, Victoria, was recorded as 1911 Premiers. Sixteen players listed were M. Stanbury, B. Jusker, F.G. Walker, A. Terdich, A. Dengue, R. Bell, L. Cullum, T. Bradbury, A. Ramsden, M. Bourke, J. Marnyley, F. Cox, L. Herbert, J. Moore, W. Mason and S. Stanbury. The club photograph by Allan Studios of Collingwood, was taken to recognize the services of F.G. Walker, the honorary secretary. The word polo is featured in the captions. [noted since is a Vic. Ice-Skating Polo Association] ! [ref. Melbourne ARGUS of 3.9.1908, Ed.]

1921

At the 1921 Camperdown tournament a Tallangatta team of R. Clarke Buchanan, Simon McDonald of Narandera, H. Clive Robertson and Frank McKinnon Paton of 'Coonara', Tooma twice defeated the host club. The Wagga Wagga club also sent a team. In the 1925 Stradbroke Cup tournament at Moonee Valley the tables were turned when Camperdown defeated Tallangatta.

CARRANBALLAC

1921

Carranballac-J.V. and C.O. Fairbairn, E.W. Austin and G. Chirnside competing in the 1925 Stradbroke Cup at Moonee Valley defeated the host club team in seven chukkas, in the first round. The same team played in the Caramut tournament and later in Caramut's Moffatt Cup matches

A. Calvert replaced G. Chirnside. Carranballac staged tournaments in 1925 when the legendary J.E.F. Mann was a member of a team with Neil Calvert, W. Armstrong and Colin Whitehead. The 1926 Carranballac team comprising G. Chirnside, J. Fairbairn, E. Austen and Alan Calvert, a composite team of Claude and Neville Palmer, Clive Robertson and H.F. [Harry] Creswick and Caramut competed at the Carranballac tournament.

"ALLENDALE"

1920's/1930's

H.F. Creswick's property, Allendale at Mentone was a centre for early post WW 1 metropolitan polo.

He made available at least 16 ponies for teams at the Adelaide tournament in 1923 and regularly provided mounts for Melbourne metropolitan seasoned and new players at Allendale into the 1930's.



Melbourne Polo Tournament, at Kooyong

photograph courtesy of Mrs Noel Calvert, 'Kornong'.

Camperdown versus Colac, 2nd March, 1914.

1921

At a 1921 meeting convened by H.F. Creswick, former Melbourne Polo Club players and recruits voted to change the name of the Melbourne polo club to Moonee Valley. The Race Club through the Secretary, Mr. A.V. Hiskins had developed polo grounds and facilities described as "the finest in Australia".

A Vice-Regal pavilion in which H.F. entertained Dame Nellie Melba with her son George Armstrong, [our first resident Yarra Valley player], a pavilion for the Press, spectator stands and car parks were included. The Kooyong Polo Ground opposite the present tennis stadium, had been sold.

The Moonee Valley racecourse had been a centre for metropolitan polo since the 1890s.

The 1922 M.V. Cup, the first post WW 1 was won by Caramut who defeated a team from Tallangatta. Players in a 1924 team were Pitt Rivers, S. McDonald, H. Byrne and George N. Armstrong.

Another player T.B. Guest, a Melbourne resident played in India with Colonel St. Clair Cameron, Albert Izzard and two Grey brothers, all from Northern Tasmania. Tom Guest visited Tasmania often.

In 1925 the club team at Camperdown tournament was H. Byrne, G. Hindhaugh, Seymour and G.N. Armstrong. The latter with J.L. Byrne, D. Moffat and J.V. Fairbairn won the 1925 Cudmore Cup at the Adelaide tournament, which had attracted 15 teams.

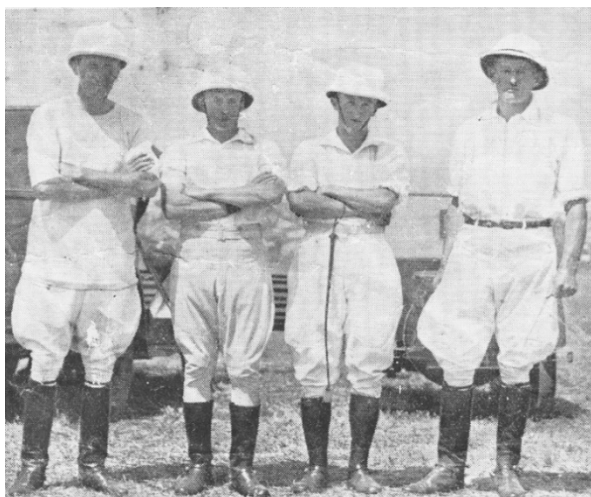
The 1925 Stradbroke Cup tournament at Moonee Valley was very successful, press reports praised the role of the Race Club's honorary secretary H.F. Creswick as convenor of the meeting of the new polo club members. They Included Alister Clark, President of the Racing Club, Vice Presidents John Winter-Irving and Henry Madden, J.L. Byrne, G.A., C.O. and J.V. Fairbairn, W.I. Winter-Irving, R.H.N. Landale, the secretary David Wood assisted by W.C. Knight, time-keepers W. Moffat and W.B. Cumming, umpires Claude Palmer and Hugh Bullivant then of Narrandra, N.S.W. The planned games of six ten minute chukkas were changed after the first game to seven eight minute Chukkas by VPA 'Officers'.

In 1926 the second annual Australasian Gold Cup tournament was staged at Moonee Valley and a Victorian record number of twelve teams took part. Adelaide 2, Camperdown 3, Caramut 2, Colac 1, Mansfield 1, Mt. Crawford 1, Seven Creeks 1 and Moonee Valley 1.

Queensland advised that transport costs were too high and N.S.W. that the dates were inconvenient to send teams.

Moonee Valley hosted the 1930 Australasian Gold Cup and a Victorian Centenary Year tournament in 1934. Umpires were K. Urquhart and H. Bullivant. Annual tournaments were held subsequently. At the 1936 tournament teams of 8 handicap and above competed for the Huntingfield Cup, [presented by the Governor General]. In 1939 the playing surface was considered too hard for polo.

[The writer was involved with Bill Mackinnon for the VPA, in early planning for a possible return of polo to Moonee Valley after WW 2, however the previously proposed areas were subsequently 'reserved' for car parking].



Cooronwarrabul Team, at Moonee Valley Polo Club, January 1930.
George N. Armstrong, Alan Kehoe, A. Dobson, Capt. J. Mansbridge



Cooronwarrabul, circa 1929
Col G.H.Knox, A.Kohoe, Miss G.Pennefather,
C.A.S.Mansbridge

SEVEN CREEKS

Section C.10

1925

The club affiliated with the VPA in 1925. A team competed in the 1926 Australasian Gold Cup tournament at Moonee Valley where two teams were fielded in the 1927 Stradbroke tournament. They were; "A"- R. McLeish, W. and S. Winter-Irving, G. Hindaugh. "B"- G. Burston, C. Cholmley, I. Hindaugh and F. Brett. In 1928, J, H, & G Hindaugh won the Merrang Cup. The Bendigo Show society invited a club team for the 1929 show polo. The Merrang Cup tournament was staged at Seven Creeks in 1929.

Seven Creeks - J, H, & G. Hindaugh won the Final, defeating The Governor, Lord Somers' team of Captain A. Curtis, Colonel G.H. Davidson, Lord Somers and Major L. Richardson. The club was the runner-up in the 1928 final of the Cumming Cup at Moonee Valley: 1933 handicaps included three Seven Creeks players, their handicaps were; C. Cholmley 2, I. Currie 2, F. Brett 1.

MANSFIELD

1925

A Mansfield team competed at the 1926 Australasian Gold Cup tournament. Later the Club renewed official Victorian Polo Affiliation in 1937. A Melbourne Hunt polo club team was invited for inter-club games in 1939. A team from Mansfield competed with the Hexham and Melbourne Hunt at the 1939 Royal Melbourne Show in three-a-side matches. The Ritchie family were prominent in the life of the club and in VPA affairs.

BALLARAT

1925

After VPA affiliation, the Club was based at the Prince of Wales Park.

The 1934 list of players and handicaps were: W.G. Gooch 2, J. Petch 2, R. Douglas 2, D. Douglas 2, V. Purdue 1, O. Henry 1, W. Madden 0, C.P.A. Taylor 0, J.J. Smail 0, C. McKenzie 0 and J. Coghlan 0.

Ballarat club delegates to the VPA Council in 1928, were W.G. Gooch and W. Madden and in 1932 included C.P.A. Taylor.

Ballarat teams have competed in the metropolitan area post 2000.

COORONWARRABUL

1928 [also sighted as Corhanwarrabul or Corranwarrabul]

Lt. Colonel [Sir] George Knox established this club with registered colours as dark green at his Lower Ferntree Gully property "Kent Park".

Regular players were Captain James Mansbridge [ex Army, in India player]- Club Captain; George N. Armstrong [Coldstream], Harry Creswick, Bill Murray Rule, Frank Richardson, Alan Kehoe, William McPherson Knox, son of George who played intra-club games, only.

Later members included Ken and Tom Guest, [who had joined a Tasmanian team in a series of matches in India in 1920], J. de Coite, J. Mason, G. Nott, C. Abbott, J. Webb, A. Cuthbertson, P. Williams, R. Dobson and H. Davis.

The first 'Away' games were at the Somers Cup tournament at Moonee Valley in 1930.

The Victorian Governor Lord Somers, who had gifted two of his ponies to the club, attended the club's inter-club games against Melbourne Hunt at the latter's Cranbourne Ground and at Kent Park. On Saturday, January 28th 1933 at Kent Park more than 500 spectators saw A and B teams from these clubs in action. The host club teams were: A - Rule, Kehoe, Richardson and Mansbridge: B - Williams, Cuthbertson, K. and T.B. Guest.

Melbourne Hunt comprised H.F. Creswick, R.H. Nimmo, S.A Greaves and J.L. Byrne.

Reserves: D.W. Moore and S.R.P. Wood.

Major R. Fanning was umpire; Dr. C. W. Farrow Hon. Surgeon; timekeepers - R. M. Cuthbertson and A. Kehoe; 'Field Director; Captain C. Lambert.

1933 Handicaps were - Rule 3, Mansbridge 2, Nott 2, Richardson 1, K. Guest 1, T.B. Guest 1, Kehoe 1, Webb 1, C. Abbott 1, W.M. Knox 0, Cuthbertson 0 and Williams 0.

In the 1934 Stradbroke Cup tournament at Moonee Valley, Rule, Guest, Richardson and Mansbridge won the 'Beaten Teams' Trophy. The club also competed at the Peninsula club's ground "Ranelagh" and at "Allendale", Mentone in a series of Ladies' matches in the 1930's with Melbourne Hunt polo club, Geraldine Pennefather from Berwick, Mrs Mansbridge of Dandenong, Helen Good from Croydon and Gwen Stead from Berwick, represented Cooronwarrabul.

1931

Formed at the Cranbourne property of the Hunt Club on November 20, 1931. C.C. Moore was elected Chairman. Others present were H.C. Pennefather [elected President], J. Ahearn, G. Gething, S. Greaves, and Messrs Hope and McLaren. Dennis Moore was elected honorary secretary. The 1933 Annual Report recorded that -the first practice games were held on the first Saturday in November, 1932. The new president was H.F. Creswick. His death and that of A.V. Hiskens in 1935 were great losses to Victorian polo. Several inter-club tournaments were held at "Allendale" Mentone including in 1932 when the State Governor H.E. Lord Somers, an A.D.C. to H.E. Lord Huntingfield, the Governor-General, T.R. Wilbraham and G.N. Armstrong competed.

H.F. [Harry] Creswick was credited with the re-start of the club after the Great Depression of the 1930's. He provided a string of ponies at his private polo ground, 'Allendale' for new players. Succeeding presidents were Lt. Col. E. Helme Pott 1935, C.C. Moore 1936 and Lt. Col. Sir George Knox 1937. He remained in office until 1952 and was a 'guiding hand'. The club competed for the 1933 Stradbroke Cup at Moonee Valley. In its first three years 'scrub' was cleared from the ground by working-bees. S.A. Greaves had been mainly responsible for the playing surface preparation. Matches were arranged with Strath Creek, Ballarat, Cooronwarrabul, Allendale and Moonee Valley teams. An Adelaide team visited Melbourne Hunt. The club's lady players, including Mrs Nimmo, Miss. G. Pennefather and Miss Gwen Stead, practised on separate days.

Players' handicaps recorded in 1933: R.H. Nimmo 6, J.L. Byrne 6, H.F. Creswick 4, S.A. Greaves 4, D.W.C. Moore 2, L.F. Callanan 2; W.J. Seymour 1, S.R. Wood 1 and on 0: E. Anzilotti, H.C. Pennefather, J.J. Ahearn, S. Scott and S. Kirkham.

Widespread appreciation was extended to A.V. Hiskens for his 'wonderful' work" for metropolitan polo at Moonee Valley race course from those at the 1931 club Meeting and from many others. In 1935 members practiced at Allendale mid-week and Cooronwarrabul players were invited to Cranbourne. A.R. Creswick joined the club. The 1936 season opened at Allendale with several new and 'returning' club members including; Lieut Col. Helme Pott, Cavaire Enrico Anzilotti, Lieut. Col. Nimmo, Captain T.R. Wilbraham A.D.C, who three years before had played in the Rifle Brigade team in Khartoum, Drs. W. and S.A. Sewell, [Sir] A.R. Creswick, captain, [Col.] A.H.L. Gibson [his first game], George N. Armstrong and David Knox. The club played twice in Peninsula tournaments at "Ranelagh", at Hexham and at Moonee Valley for the Stradbroke and Huntingfield Cups and in Adelaide's Centenary of S.A. tournament. Melbourne Hunt won the 1937 Hexham Challenge Cup. Three club players were selected for the Victorian second team at the 1938 Australasian Gold Cup in Sydney.

The club's first metropolitan post WW 2 tournament was staged in 1948 at Allendale, Mentone, H.F. Creswick's private Ground. In 1950 Sir George Knox convened a meeting at his "Kent Park", Ferntree Gully. Present were: Col. Aubrey Gibson, Hon. Secretary, C.M.F. Chomley, A.R. Creswick, S.R.C. Wood, W.M. Rule, D.W. Knox, D. Wood, Hilton Nicholas, Drs. Sam and Bill Sewell, Rupert Richardson, Owen Moore, Mac. Greaves, Derry Francis and M. Stubbs. Affiliation with the E.F.A. was arranged. In 1950 the club sought a more suitable ground than Cranbourne. The 1951 committee meeting recorded; an Invitation to the Duke of Edinburgh, to visit - The Peninsula club rebirth - A 1948 Melbourne Show invitation received to compete with N.S.W., S.A., and Hexham - and advice of Bill Murray Rule's commitment with the new Yarra Glen-Lilydale club at Coldstream which was invited to visit Cranbourne. Sir George Knox [after 18 years presidency], Lady Knox, Keith and Mrs. Bregazzi were elected as Honorary Life Members in 1954.

Alec Creswick and David Wood were members of Victoria's B team in the 1954 Australasian Gold Cup tournament at Flemington racecourse. They were joined by Rupert Richardson and P. Diggle in the Creswick and Guest Cups' competitions. The B team had Sam Sewell, Gordon Austin, Hilton Nicholas, Bill Sewell and Hal Doolin. Cavendish was visited in 1957. The club conducted tournaments on the Flemington race course in 1958 and 1960 featuring the Creswick and Stradbroke Cups' matches. Office-bearers were president A.R. Creswick, honorary secretary Colonel Bob Nugent. When the Melbourne polo club was reformed in 1961 the Melbourne Hunt ceased 'operations' for several years before being reconvened in 1964 by Roger Robinson.

A meeting at the Hunt Club's Cranbourne property chaired by the newly elected president Colonel E.H.B. Neill, agreed to reform the club. Present were George Austin, David Axellson, K. Bregazzi, G. Facey, W. Francis, L. Grenda, Owen Moore, Geoffrey Norris, Roger Robinson [elected hon. secretary/treasurer], Peter Ronald, Bill Rule and Kevin Brennan elected manager. [Sir] A.R. Creswick was elected a Life Member. The 1966 season included a Legacy day and a three-day Mobil Cup tournament, managed by Roger Robinson, in which the district pony club took part. A tournament highlight was the Polo Club Ball hosted by Colonel E.H.B. and Mrs. Neill, involving a lavish club-house extension marquee. Because of the severe dry condition of the ground, the club transferred to "Flowerfield", Coldstream for a season. A Charity tournament was held at the Robinson property "Wando" with the Frankston Apex club, for the Menzies Crippled Childrens Homes. A club team comprising G. Radford, J. Halliwell, R. Robinson and J. Cope (later club president), defeated the host club at Wentworth [N.S.W.] in 1969. The club had 17 players in 1974. Roger and Jean Robinson were the driving force during this phase of the club, Roger's untimely death was a major blow to Victorian Polo. Other Melbourne Hunt players included Derry Francis, previously with Yarra Glen-Lilydale, Hayden Molloy, David Axellson, Michael Berwick, Tony Scarff, Tony Jones, Michael Howes, Peter Yunghanns, D. Grimshaw, Andrew and Hugh McKenzie Smith, R. Myers, R. Copeman. Julian Blackburne, E. Coatman, J. Key, H. Lister, T. Handley and C. Pearce. The club ceased play in the early 1980's.

STRATH CREEK

1932

The 1933 List of Handicaps included; S. Gardiner 2, and on 1 - J. Finlay, ?. Wawn, ?. Wawn, J. Francis, B. McCormack, with J. Botterill 0 and ? Patterson 0.

PENINSULA

1932

The club played at the Ranelagh Club, Mt. Eliza during the 1930's. 'Colours' were yellow. Col. A.H. Gibson was president and J.V. Edgar, honorary secretary. Players included Ken Guest, W. Gooch, M. Stubbs and W. Horton-Browne. Tournaments including Peninsula Cup matches were staged regularly. In 1936 Melbourne Hunt P.C. invited Peninsular players; J.V. Edgar, K. Guest, W.G. Gooch, M. Stubbs and W.H. Horton-Browne to practice at Allendale. A Peninsular team was invited that year to the Adelaide 'Centenary' tournament with .C. Le Plastrier a V.P.A. Councillor from Peninsular as honorary manager. The latter was responsible for the success of the first 'Night Polo' matches in Victoria during the 1939 Royal Melbourne Show. The club fielded ladies teams in several inter-club competitions. The first Women's inter-club polo match was staged with Cooranwarrabul. Peninsular players included six ladies. Peggy McComas was an ardent supporter of womens' polo and involved were other Followers of the Melbourne Hounds. The first inter-state womens' matches were held in Adelaide at this time. Peninsula polo club conducted a race meeting at the Mornington course in 1937.

In 1951 the club was reformed by the honorary secretary and captain, J.V. Edgar of Tuerong Park, Mornington on which a ground was laid out. Col. A. Gibson continued as president, vice president was Brian Breheny. The 1953 tournament included a most memorable Polo Ball at the Manyung Hotel and après polo evenings at the homes of the Ansetts', Brockhoffs' and Edgars'. Eight teams competed for the Peninsula and T.B. Guest cups. The latter trophy was won by a Peninsula team of J. Edgar, C. Dowling, W. Horton-Browne and M. Morrison at the 1954 Australasian Gold Cup tournament on Flemington Racecourse. [our ponies were stabled at the racecourse].

Former players Gordon Austin and John Hutton, and the veteran Hugh Bullivant were other club supporters. The club was active in the 1960's including a charity match to raise funds for Frankston Legacy and in VPA tournaments.

1936.

Official Affiliation was confirmed by the Council of the Victorian Polo Association in 1937. The club colours were Light Blue. Club delegates included Hartley Gardner, W.B. Rankin and D.M. Reid of Adelaide, the latter was a member of Cavendish teams over many years. The club staged races on non polo days in 1938. Players in the 1950's included Cuthbert Featherstonhaugh, Harold Young, D.M. Reid, W. Robertson, brothers Douglas and Andrew Gardner and Neil Lawrence. The latter four were runners up in the 1954 Creswick Cup held at Flemington Race Course. The club held a tournament at Cavendish in 1958 at the Simpson family's "Kenilworth" property. The Ground to play on when dry was like a billiard table but when wet - polo on ice, I found several times as Gypsy and I slid along to a muddied halt "side by side". Cavendish players were often among the visiting teams at Caramut/Hexham.

MOYHU

1922 – 1939

WANGARATTA

1922 - 1929

HAWKESDALE

1947

W. Robertson's representation on behalf of the Hawkesdale Club, to the Victorian Polo Association for affiliation was successful in 1947 with Orange colours. However in 1955 the club 'folded'.



Oscar: grandson, Philip: father, Darren: grandfather
Kellys of Kellybrook, Yarra Valley Club

1952

As the saying goes; 'like so many good things in life, the club resulted from a chance meeting in a pub'! i.e. 'Gracedale House', Healesville at the 1952 Hunt Ball. Suggested by Geoffrey Norris to fellow Hunt members John Houghton, Bill Rule - a seasoned polo player with Cooronwarrabul club, Paddy McKee- president of the Pony club and John Lithgow, [later Master of the Hunt] a farming friend at Coldstream with paddocks destined to be shared by cattle and 'ponies'. The Lithgow family property "Flowerfield" was described a few years later by Sinclair Hill as having "Australia's most beautiful polo grounds", and to host two polo princes, Prince Philip and Prince Charles, the 1965, 1969 and 1976 Australasian Gold Cups and many state titles.

Welcomed by John and his mother Mrs. F.B. Lithgow, convened by the new hon. secretary, Geoffrey Norris, coached by Bill Rule, twenty recruits, about half youngish fellow ex-WW 2 servicemen/district farmers that included Bob Benson, Tim Branigan, Gavin Everard Casey - [descendant of a prominent 19th.century pioneer player Everard Browne], Lex Davison-a 'Formula One Legend', Jim Doake, John and Vasey Houghton, John Lithgow, Tom Luxton, Tim Maughan, whose son David joined a year or so later, Paul Napthine, Chester Nevett, Geoffrey Norris, David Nicolson, Fred Selman, Sid Seymour, Graham Turner, John Turner. Teenagers John Ford and Darren Kelly joined soon afterwards. They were drafted into teams by April 1953 when 'home and away games' were staged assisted by Hilton Nicholas of the Melbourne Hunt polo club. Many of us were fit, fun-deprived, horse lovers and users, unmarried or recently so, still nearly childless and with no farm-motorbikes or TV, and rid of the wartime "team living". Weekly practices and 'polo strategy' evenings were hardly enough to prepare for the fun, only polo can give. Several new wives muttered about a selfish game. With the continuing generous hospitality of the Lithgow family, the seasons at Flowerfield had many highlights.

Matches with overseas based players or teams included New Zealand, U.K, U.S., Indian, South African and Zimbabwean. Prince Charles, almost a 'regular' at Flowerfield's weekly chukkas while at Timbertop,

Prince Phillip on one of his visits as a house-guest travelled in a 'cantering Cobb & Co coach and six' from church in Lilydale to Flowerfield, arranged by a prayerful club hon. sec. Then post lunch and pre polo on board his host's fire-truck to a nearby bushfire. John Lithgow was the C.F.A. hon. Yarra Valley Regional Group Captain. Annual charity tournaments were held for the Yarra Valley Group of Melbourne Legacy over 30 years. Rolls-Royce and Mercedes [1990] Owners' club- parades were other highlights. Polo days for recruits introduced Arthur Angliss, Matthew Axellson, John Balfour-Brown, John Balharry, R. Barnett, S. Barrow, Jeremy Bayard, Noel Beattie, Julian Blackburn, Chris Blair, Les Carlyon, Steve Carroll, Jim Castricum, Ian Church, Steve Coridas, Renie Ellis, Peter Evans, Derry Francis, John & Ed. Goold, D. Grimshaw, Michael Herman - most improved 1965, Irwin Hunter, Peter Hurley, Tony Jones, Glen Kavanagh, Jodey Kelcey, Bill Kelly, Graeme Kelly, Max Lind, Howard Lister, Craig Macaulay, Andrew (senior) & Andrew (junior) & Hugh McKenzie-Smith, Michael McNeill, Chris McPherson [half-field polo advocate] Peter McVean, J. Marshall, A. Moodie, Dr. Bob Myers, Hilton Nicholas, David Nicolson, John Newton, Jim Nolan, J. & B. Officer, Sally Penwill, Andrew & Michael Rivette, Tony Scarff, David Selleck, Adrian Seymour, Richard Simpson, Jamie Sutcliffe, Ric & Susie Thomas, John Turner, Graham Turner, Frank Underwood, Sam [Lord] Vestey, Gary White, Stuart Wilson, Peter and David Yunghanns. For different seasons the Melbourne Hunt and Berwick polo clubs shared Flowerfield as their home-grounds. Canberra polo club, founded and captained by John Gorman and later Wentworth comprising Shane Ryan, Dougal Whyte, Steve Loritz and Gus Whyte were two of the visiting clubs. Members Sue Axellson, Sue Kavals, Fiona Simpson and Gill Wilson competed for the club. David Axellson, Noel Beattie, Jim Nolan and Stuart Wilson played at Werribee Park under the club's name during the early 2000's. The Coldstream Cup was competed for, at Werribee, in 2006.

In 2010 after several non-polo summers at Flowerfield, the club was reformed with the enthusiastic support of Patron, Mrs. Elizabeth Lithgow and her daughters Julie and Amanda. The initial approach was from the then V.P.A. president John Taylor. Immediate past president and player, 1952 to 1979, Geoffrey Norris senior, helped gather resources from previous years both in equipment and with old and new players, some again, as in 1952, also Followers of the Hunt, taking to 'summer mounts'.

Darren Kelly, a club player since the 1950's, a popular link with our past, was elected president. Fortunately for the club, Julie [Lithgow] Sampson agreed to be honorary secretary. Her sister Amanda Lithgow undertook co-ordination of ground management. At the 2011 Yarra Valley club tournament with sixteen teams, the club won the Flowerfield Cup. Yarra Valley had wins at Werribee Park, Yaloak and the Surf Coast club in 2011 and 2012. Players were the President, Darren (wife - Farley), their son and club captain, Philip Kelly (wife - Jenny), Geoff Norris jnr., son of the Club "Factotum" Geoffrey Norris and the late Felicity. Geoff junior had played seasons in the U.K., N.Z. and interstate. Faith and Nic. Vann who both played for several years in Singapore; Greg and Elizabeth Browne, Barry - 'Most Improved 2012' and Sandra Deacon, John and Mary Grant, Priscilla Gorton, Richard - 'Most Improved 2014' and Sally Harman, Michael and sisters Nicole and Karen Holzer, Geoff Sinclair - a former President of Equestrian Australia, his wife Jill - a renowned equestrian instructor, Simon Wincer- 'Most Improved 2013' and Katrina Metherall.

With more than twenty club players, the Yarra Valley tournaments usually comprise 14 teams. Spectators have numbered some two thousand. Newer players include Matt Lindh, Tony Burrows, Kelly Fernandez, Jeremy Marriot, Ben Mould, Sam Stott, Jack Berner and Oscar Kelly, Darren's grandson, 13, won the 'MATTHEW AXELLSON MEMORIAL Award' for the Most Improved young player in 2014. The 2015 winner was Sam Stott.

Lady players included Priscilla Gorton, Katrina Metherall, Nicole and Dr. Karen Holzer, Sally and Emily Harman and Mandy Lithgow. They follow in the stirrup-irons of Sue Axellson, Gill. Wilson, Fiona Simpson [as she was then], Susan Kavals, Jodey Kelcey and Sally Penwill of the 1900s'.



The presentation by Lady Pamela Vestey, a Y.V. Polo club member for some 50 years, of the winner's trophy in 1992 to the Eton College captain in the match with Geelong Grammar, illustrates a longtime family link with polo. Her great grandfather was David Mitchell a very prominent master builder in Victoria. His daughter Dame Nellie "Melba" (Armstrong nee Mitchell), attended polo tournaments in Victoria often in support of her son, George Armstrong. I believe he was the first Yarra Valley based player. Hugh Bullivant has recorded Melba's long visits to polo at the Richmond and Moonee Valley Racecourses and at Kooyong. 'Her Entourage seemingly of vice-regal proportion'. George Armstrong. Lady Pamela's father played with Coorowarrabul Club near Ferntree Gully (now Knox). Often travelling with his mother, he played inter-state, in England, on the Continent and in the U.S. His wife Mrs. Evie Armstrong and Lady Pamela donated a silver cup to our club in his memory which is played for still. Lady Vestey's sons, Lord Samuel (currently the Queen's "Master of Horse") played at Flowerfield in the 1970's. The Honourable Mark, a Hurlingham Club president was also a member of England's representative teams. Their daughters continue the family's skills in polo. Another contemporary link is the Lithgow Family, our hosts Mrs. Maud (Mitchell) Lithgow - John's mother, was a cousin of Dame Nellie. The Lithgow family, Elizabeth and her children, Julie, Amanda and Douglas and their children, continue the polo supporting role.

PS. Also, Mrs. David Sutherland nee Jeniffer Mitchell, almost a lifetime Y.V. non-playing Club support member, is the granddaughter of a brother of Dame Nellie.

MILDURA

Section C.14

1954

Milton Donaldson and E. Peart organized polo on the Merbein Football Grounds initially, in 1954. Mrs E.M. Donaldson of Merbein was Club Secretary. The Polo Club was promoted by the Murray Valley Horseman's Association, as reported in Hoof and Horns, February 1954.

BERWICK

1981

A team named Berwick won the 1980 Stradbroke Cup at Flemington. The club was affiliated the following year. The founders were John W. Taylor and Gary R. White and his wife Patricia. They were to become stalwarts in the staging and continued enjoyment of polo in Victoria through their outstanding honorary work for the Victorian Polo Association over many years. John and Gary rallied many Berwick district men and women horse lovers to join them. With a new player Carl Strachan's, "Berwick Inn" designated as the club's headquarters, and visiting player-coaches in most teams, the club was up and away. Initially Berwick shared Flowerfield as it's home ground, before moving to Steve Bennett's property at Berwick, "Ayre Hill". Other players included:- Peter Evans, Mike Ford, Vic. and Sue Kavals, Bernard Roux, Richard Simpson and Fiona, Rick and Sue Thomas. Visiting high-goal team members included Sinclair Hill, Jim and Pat MacGinley, Stuart Cooke, John Patterson, Ian Hunt, Damien Johnston, Deryk Reid and Rowan George.

The VPA handicaps from 1987 to 1997 also included Berwick players - Miss. S. Boyle, A. Campbell, W. Dreever, Mrs. G. Gilchrist, R. Gutridge, M. MacKenzie, J Sheridan, A Watson, B. Whightman and G. Williams.

YALOAK

1981

During the 1970's Peter Yunghanns played at Flowerfield and for several seasons with son David. Peter and his wife Margaret were staunch supporters of the club at Coldstream, on and off the field. Helping to host visiting players and generous helpers with the catering at all club functions.

In 1981 Peter's creation, Yaloak polo club complex, part of a 12,000 acre estate near Ballan off the Ballarat Highway, was affiliated with the V.P.A. Yaloak is also the venue for Farm Field Days on soil fertility and other agricultural concerns. Peter pioneered in Victoria, the introduction of medium to high handicapped resident professionals to coach and play with Yaloak member players and with Victorian representative teams. Teaching at Yaloak includes the basic requirements of good horsemanship, animal husbandry and stable management. Yaloak welcomed young polo 'hopefuls' who were given a unique chance to learn the 'Game, per short 'live-in' polo camps or as working 'apprentices'. Much improved grounds and facilities were created. In 1987 Yaloak fielded five teams and won three of the five tournaments in Victoria. Peter Yunghanns became one of two Australian members of the international polo Ambassador Cup 'Movement'. The 1990 Finals of this international tournament won by a U.S. designated team, were played in March at Werribee Park.

Pat MacGinley from the Darling Downs, Queensland was the first resident 'Professional'. With his wife Brigitte he established the MacGinley Equestrian Centre. In 1985 Pat captained the team including Ted Mann, John Patterson and John Goold which won the Australasian Gold Cup for Victoria, first time since 1924. Greg and Janice Kyte from Cambridge, New Zealand succeeded the MacGinleys. The Victorian polo community including the VPA owes much to the two families. They, in their times at Yaloak and later, helped to smooth the state and national administration of our high goal tournaments and to boost the standard of play certainly in Victoria and to produce more 'made ponies'. Yaloak's greatly improved irrigated playing fields and 'state of the art' clubhouse and other facilities completed in 2013, are bringing many new faces into Victorian polo; players and followers.

MOREEP

1982

Members listed in the 1987/92 Handicaps were, A.J.L. and A. MacLachlan of "Moreep", South Australia.

Victorian based Bill Kelly and John Patterson also represented Moreep at tournaments in the 1980's.

VICTORIAN POLO CLUB

Section C.15

1991 [first Playing - membership category introduction - based at Werribee Park]
Entities named 'The Victoria' or 'The Victorian Polo Club' were created by the Council of the Victorian Polo Association to conduct Australasian Gold Cup and other tournaments, to raise funds and to attract and service polo supporters, in 1920, '53, '64, '75 and in 1983 when Charles Abbott, James Cust, Nicholas Lloyd and Carolyn Young reinvigorated the VPC with the object of promoting the enjoyment of the game as a spectator sport. John and Elizabeth Lithgow and the Yarra Valley club welcomed their initiative at Flowerfield prior to the development of Werribee Park polo.

Then later the introduction of playing membership with subscriptions, insurances and other costs in line with those of the existing clubs in the VPA brought additional new players and spectators to the Werribee Park Equestrian Centre and to competitions on other Grounds. In 1985 a Victorian Polo Club Trophy was one of the State Championship tournament's prizes. This was a vintage season for the VPC. It included the 150th Victorian Anniversary tournament in which Prince Charles competed, the inaugural Melbourne Cup Week and Australasian Gold Cup tournaments at Werribee Park.

During the presidency of C. P. Abbott the Victorian Polo Club expanded greatly in membership and in activities in support of the Association's various projects to boost polo in Victoria. Nicholas Lloyd, president and James Cust, chairman, led the VPC committee with Charles Abbott and other VPA Council members. Early committee members included Richard Simpson, Stuart and Gill Wilson, Anne Abbott, Julie Davison, Jane Davis, Antony and Charles Baillieu, Captain Peter Jansen who hosted polo planning meetings and various fun and fund raising functions in his premises or at polo matches, Ian Dodd a future president and liaison with the Rolls Royce Club -, Michael Treloar, Nicholas Cable, Terry McDowell, Rob Hope-Murray, Kevin Ezard, Sue Caldwell, Sue Wood, Martin Archer, Bill Stanley, Roger Pescott, Susie Drever- an hon. sec., Liz Box, Janice Brown, Primrose and George Krasicki, Bill and Judy Mackinnon, Karen Ramsland, Fiona Simpson, John Penfold, Gary and Pat White.- an hon. Sec., and Carolyn Young who served as club secretary from 1983 to '92. Mrs. Elizabeth Lithgow was elected an Honorary Life Member in recognition of the hospitality extended to VPC supporters at Flowerfield.

In recent years office-bearers included D. and Janet Barton, Rob Thompson, Francelle Knight, Graeme Hart, Graham Craig, G. McLachlan and S. Baillieu.

Social occasions vary from a Spring Polo Ball to Derby Day Breakfast.

The 1990s registered VPC players included; C. Abbott, W. Alstergren, A. Blakely, A. Chirnside, W.J.T. Clarke, W. Dreever and R. Faulkner.

MERRIMU

1990

Jim Conroy played with the Yaloak and Melbourne clubs and other teams before forming the Merrimu club, named after the locality. The club had two teams in the 1992 W. Murray Rule Cup at Flowerfield. The players were Jim Conroy, Steve Carroll, Stephen Mitchell, Julian Blackburn, Bryce Dicks, John Oswald-Jacobs, and J. Gilchrist. The club's third annual tournament in March 1994 was organised by Jim Conroy at Yaloak. Merrimu won the Flowerfield Cup and the Armstrong Memorial Cup at the Yarra Valley tournament in 1997 and the Armstrong Cup again in 1998.

The teams were P. Bennets, Bryce Dicks, R. Ballard and L. Meyer in the 1997 Flowerfield Cup and E. Lim, Tod Dicks, Bryce Dicks and P. Blundy in the Armstrong. A Merrimu team of J. Taylor, G. White, Bryce Dicks and C. Beattie won the Legacy trophy in 1999 at Flowerfield. Merrimu staged 'arena' indoor-polo during the January 1999 tournament at Werribee Park. Other players with handicaps in the 1990's representing Merrimu included - M. and S. Carroll, J. Chapman, M. Cousins, A. Dingjan, C. Dudbridge, R. Ellis, A. Hine and Mrs. Hine, E., J. and J. Matthies, S. Penwill, R. Pescott and J. Pumphries.

DUNKELD

2003

The club conducted a tournament at Dunkeld racecourse at the foot of the 'Grampians', on New Year's Eve, 2005. With the temperature recorded at 50 deg Celsius. The matches were delayed until evening. Many spectators attended. Hexham club players led by E.A. [Ted] Mann promoted the polo at Dunkeld.

Located near a small historic gold mining centre close to Rushworth in Northern Victoria, the club was conceived and formed by Sam McCardel and affiliated with the VPA in 2004.

At the time, the number of players in Victoria was stagnant and Sam McCardel's enthusiasm stimulated others to increase recruitment efforts. Sam, a Western Australian, had played with Kojonup club near his family's property at Kulim. His father an experienced player taught Sam and his brother how to play. Greg Keyte held a polo clinic at the club at Easter 2004. Sam and his club members were successful in obtaining a "Community Water Grant" for the development of efficient spray irrigation of the playing field and support from Tourism Victoria as a regional enterprise.

In 2006, a Victorian Country Circuit project was planned involving competition with the Melbourne polo club and the recently formed Dunkeld club. A second and a "Skins" indoor series of matches were played at Tatura.

Players with Whroo included Ashley Ball, Sam Eyres, Jeff McConnell, Louis Matthews, Ashley Murdoch, Jarrah Trethowan-Ball, Benjamin Woodroffe and Dave Houston who helped develop the club. He had played with Goondiwindi while on the family farm at Mungindi. In August 2006, Sam McCardel and his team arranged a "Whips, Spurs and Wine Dinner" at Mitchelton Winery. Proceeds from the Bush Polo tournaments assisted the local Country Fire Authority, the State Emergency Service and the Warranga Memorial Hospital at Rushworth.

WHROOS HAPPY



Captain Sam McCardel and his team celebrate

FULTONS LANE 2018

Located near Birregurra. The club ground is on the property of Gillon McLachlan.

POLO GROUNDS

Section C.16
(cont'd)

EYNESBURY

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HEXHAM

Ground at 241 Bakers Bridge Road, Gheringhap 3331
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President: Mr Steve Sprague, 0418 304 043, email: stevesprague@bigpond.com.au
Events & social Club: Mr James Hood, 0417 997 271

MINGELA

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Secretary: Ms Michelle Dicks, email: Michelle85piper@icloud.com

VICTORIAN POLO CLUB [and ref. C15]

Grounds at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, K Road, Werribee Sth. 3030
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President: Mr Brett Burns
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YALOAK POLO CLUB [and ref. C15]

Grounds at Yaloak Estate, 4662 Geelong Ballan Road, Ballan 3342
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Club Captain: Mr Greg Kyte, 0417 323 149, email: yaloakpolo@bigpond.com

YARRA VALLEY POLO CLUB [and ref. C13]

Grounds at 'Flowerfield', 23 Coldstream West Road, Coldstream 3770
Website: www.yarravalleypoloclub.com
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Captain: Mr Philip Kelly, email: philbkelly@gmail.com
Vice President: Mr Simon Wincer, email: simon.wincer@bigpond.com
[also private grounds on the properties of : R.Ford, J.Grant, R.Harman, S.Wincer]

RED GUM RUN ARENA

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The Surge in numbers in Victoria can be measured by the VPA handicap-registered players; currently almost 1 in every 5 listed players, is female.

Acknowledging the challenges and circumstances faced by women polo players in the past is warranted.

In the mid 1930's at least three competitive teams of Ladies Polo players from Melbourne metropolitan clubs; Coorowarrabul, Ferntree Gully, Melbourne Hunt, Cranbourne and Peninsula, Mt. Eliza, seemingly received little support, in contrast to the welcome they would have received at VPA clubs today.

With the number of Victorian polo clubs having decreased, particularly in the regions, since WW 2. Recently the situation has been reversed by this Surge of new Lady Polo Players.

The impact of one women player, Ms. Inge Burke, on the sport can be seen by her purpose built full sized Indoor Polo Arena, opened in August 2018 (refer photo L 3)

A prime objective, she states, is to help increase the number of women polo players.

PAST ATTITUDES

1934 Weekly Times Melbourne.

'LAST STRONGHOLD FALLS'

byline; 'John Peerybingle'

"When the girls took up golf and rowing and cricket and football and javelin throwing and a few other things, I thought it was going pretty far but now they have taken up polo and that, I think, is the end. A match has been played in Victoria between teams composed entirely of women."

1934 Melbourne Argus, 12th February.

"FIRST WOMEN'S POLO MATCH Gaily Clad Players Meet at Cranbourne"

LADIES POLO's LONG LINEAGE.

Ancient documents and illustrations record that for some 2500 years women played polo-like games in Persia, China, Mongolia, Assam and India.

Modern Polo, as developed by Englishmen stationed in India in the 1860's/'70's and soon introduced to Australia, provided little encouragement to women to compete in polo for many years, in most involved countries.



PERSIAN LADIES POLO (Chogan – Persian for Polo)

For families of men players, often polo has been a very selfish game.

From club records, memories of contemporaries and my own, the success and enjoyment of polo at intra and inter club and interstate levels in Victoria were very much due to the help of players' wives, families and friends. This is true for the almost 70 years of the Yarra Valley club's 'Lithgow ladies'. Many women associated with the clubs, and the VPA, contributed with guest player's accommodation, hospitality and fundraising. Then and now, as sideline umpires, timekeepers, scorers and also as grooms dedicated to the skill and successful careers of their charges, the polo ponies.

Early in the creation of the polo grounds and associated facilities at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, the demands on the management and financial resources of the VPA were met successfully by the honorary services of Patricia White and husband Gary (a player and councilor) in the positions of secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Susan Kavals and Susan Drever acted in the secretary's position. They also undertook similar honorary work for the VPA's Victoria Polo Club non-playing members. In the 1940's/'50's Ms Vera McKenzie and in the 1960's/'70's Ms Joan Walduck, from two VPA Honorary Secretaries' offices, received Council's official commendations for their contributions. Then Carolyn Young became VPA secretary for well over a decade with increasing workloads, as Werribee Park became a national polo resource.

LADIES OF POLO Prominence in Polo Presentation

Communities' awareness and attendances at polo in Victoria throughout the 20th. century were augmented by players' family members who held wide public interest. H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth's support to her uncle, the Prince of Wales, Edward V111, her husband, Prince Phillip, her son, Prince Charles both competed at Werribee Park and/or "Flowerfield" (home of Yarra Valley Polo Club) in the 1960's and '70's. Her grandsons, Prince William and Prince Harry, to this day, welcome her support at their own matches.

Princess Diana attracted wide support at the Werribee Park 1985 tournament held to mark Melbourne's 150th. Anniversary, when Prince Charles played for the Chirnside Cup.

Many Vice-Regal representatives were regular guests at Australasian Gold Cup and State Championship tournaments. Commonwealth and Victorian Governors' wives have donated and presented trophies for competition since the early 1900's.

At that time, Australia's most famous Operatic Diva, Dame Nellie Melba described in the Melbourne "Punch", 1.6.1909, as "a social leader in the great world", was a friend and welcome guest of Queen Victoria and of the principal European Royal Houses. She was a Guest of Honour at Melbourne tournaments, often when her son George Armstrong competed and regularly with large Federal and State Government House parties during the 1890's to 1930's.

In 1909 Melba arranged for a French Pathe film unit to operate at a Richmond Racecourse match. Known widely as a horse lover, she was quoted in the press as having remarked; "If to be born again I wish to be as a polo pony". And in 'An Authorised biography by 'the Lone Hand'; "she loves horses and if she were a man she would endeavour at polo."

Her great great granddaughters, the Vestey family ladies are dedicated polo players in the U.K.

POLO SKILL IN FIRST INTERSTATE GAME

Victoria 10 goals defeated South Australia 5, at Moonee Valley, 1934 (refer text L 3)



photo (Melbourne 'Sun' Newspaper)
courtesy of former player, Walter and Mrs Jill Paton,
of Tooma, NSW



Catherine
Cameron-Kennedy

Holding her Line

1909 The Camperdown Polo Club's gymkhana as reported in the Camperdown Chronicle, featured events for families of male players. Bill Cumming referred [refer S 8] to Doris Cumming, ("riding in the Ted Sloane Crouch"), Marion Manifold, L. Reid and Una Urquhart as place-getters. It is most probable that many women associated with Victorian polo players would have enjoyed at least "hitting-up" on their club's Practice days over the years.

In the 1920's and '30's, magazines including "Table Talk", "The Australian Woman's Mirror", "The Australasian" and Melbourne city and regional newspapers reported in some detail about Lady polo players when they were members of their club teams.

1928 At the Cooronwarrabul club at Ferntree Gully, polo gymkhana, Miss GERALDINE PENNEFATHER won the Open polo ball-hitting contest. She was selected in the club's mixed 'A' team in 1930.

The editor of "Geebung" the history of polo in Australia, Chris Ashton, has stated that "Melbourne in the '30's was the genesis and centre of ladies polo in Australia".

1932 The FIRST LADIES INTER CLUB MATCH was on the Melbourne Hunt polo club's Cranbourne ground between Cooronwarrabul (Geraldine Pennefather, Mrs C.A. Mansbridge, Helen Good and Gwen Stead), and the Peninsula club – (Lynette Dunstan, Mary Hope-Campbell, Peggy McComas and Mary Bright). The latter had contributed to a full page article headlined; "Polo as a Game for Women" in "The Australian Woman's Mirror". It included a reference to Polo Rules books available from the VPA.

1933 A Peninsula team of Mary Bright, the Misses Cynthia and Norma Collins and Mr J.L. Byrne played Coownwarrabul; Geraldine Pennefather, Mrs Nimmo, Gwen Stead and Mr W.M. [Bill] Rule; the latter was a founder of Yarra Valley club in 1952.

Other women players were J.E. Lillicrap (Peninsula) and L. Sanderson (Cooronwarrabul).

1934 Melbourne's Centenary year celebrations included the Australasian Gold Cup tournament at Moonee Valley polo club's ground at the racecourse. A milestone in Ladies Polo history was the FIRST LADIES INTER STATE MATCH; Victoria defeated South Australia 10 goals to 5. "BOTH TEAMS SHOWED SURPRISING SKILL" reported the Melbourne Sun News Pictorial, Australia's biggest selling newspaper.

The Second World War 1939-45, caused competitive polo to cease in Victoria.

1946 The Hexham Club was first to resume. The First Lady player in inter-club play was probably in the 1970's when Mrs CATHERINE CAMERON-KENNEDY, of the Melbourne club that reformed in 1961, competed on VPA handicaps of 1 and 0 goal respectively.

1980's-90's The Yarra Valley club had several players including Kath Selman, Sue Axelsson, Susan Kavals, Jodey Kelcey, Sally Penwill, Fiona Simpson, Susie Thomas and Gill Wilson. The Berwick club had Susan Boyle, Mrs G. Gilchrist, Susan Drever and Patricia White. At Yaloak, Brigid MacGinley and Janice Keyte were also among the leaders in the development of Victoria's first polo schools, training facilities, and polo pony hire.

At Hexham, Wendy daughter of "legendary" player; Jim Cowan, was reported by James Weatherly as a "regular" at this time. He recalls historic Western District matches including a "Ladies in Pink" visiting team.



Victorian team with Mrs Ros Packer at Ellerston, NSW, 2017 (refer text L 4)



Inge Burke of Redgum Run & Amelia Brien

Measures of development of Ladies Polo include women's roles in the successful operations of the Victorian Polo Club and Victorian Polo Academy at Werribee Park and of Hexham, Eynesbury, Mingela, Red Gum Run, Yaloak and Yarra Valley. Many women were introduced to club polo partly guided by women officials - Amber Gibbs, Janice Kyte of Yaloak whose daughter Kelly is currently the top handicapped woman player here, Inge Burke, Julie Lithgow (also a VPA Councillor), Clementine Mann of Hexham and Amber Drum.

2015 Ladies Polo FIXTURES include VPC's sponsored Days for Charity at Werribee Park and Mingela's Ladies Day.

2016 FIRST LADIES TOURNAMENT [21st.Century]

2017 Championships 2017 (Michael Fitz-Henry, a Ladies Polo advocate, was most helpful). Victorian team (2017): Inge Burke, Fiona Kalies, Kelly Keyte and Clementine Mann.

Inter and intra club Days were held at Yaloak, Red Gum Run, Yarra Valley, Dunkeld and Mt. William. Ladies Polo at a national level received a boost through Mrs Ros Packer's hosting of interstate teams at the "Ellerston" property for the FIRST NATIONAL CHALLENGES or Championships involving; N.S.W., Queensland, Victoria and South Australia.(the latter subject to W.A. Challenges).

2018 The Women's Collective Spring Tournament in Queensland, included polo clinics and INTERNATIONAL matches with U.S., N.Z. and other countries' players competing (as advised by Michael Fitz-Henry).

Recently at the Marcus Oldham Agricultural College, near Geelong, one of two inaugural "Foxcote Polo Awards" scholarships in the Equine Course was won by Angela Harrison, it includes a season's practical experience at the U.K.'s Foxcote Manor Polo School.

The OTT (OFF THE TRACK) project and Victoria's Ladies in Polo.

2013 "Racing Victoria", The Racehorse Owners Association announced this project for the future of horses retired from racing. Men and women players, particularly the latter, were closely involved from Hexham, Eynesbury, Mingela and other players responded in obtaining and promoting them.

2016 Racing Victoria sponsored a team and presented a trophy for the best performing OTT horse at Yaloak's State Championships tournament and the Ballarat Cup event. The First Lady jockey to win the Melbourne Cup, Michelle Payne gave publicity support and began to play.

Victoria's Mounted Police and Pony Clubs became involved also.

VICTORIAN WOMEN PLAYERS

V P A HANDICAP LIST 2018

NAME		CLU B	H'CA P	NAME		CLU B	H'CA P	NAME		CLU B	H'CA P
Abbey,	Desta	VPC	-2	Gibson,	Chelsea	Hex	-2	Marriot,	Peta	YV	0
Abbott,	Victoria	Hex	-1	Goodman,	Heleni	Yal	0	McGavin,	Kate	Yal	-1
Adams,	Sarah	Hex	-1	Gorrie,	Kate	Hex	-2	McKelvie,	Harriet	YV	0
Archibald,	Francisca	VPC		Graham,	Virginia,	VPC	-2	O'Brien,	Emily	VPC	-1
Brien,	Amelia	VPC	0	Hey,	Veronica	Hex	-1	O'Hara,	Kathy	VPC	
Burke,	Inge	VPC	0	Holzer,	Nicole	Hex	-2	Ozaksoy,	Aisha	VPC	-2
Caller,	Sacha	VPC	-1	Jaffres,	Lily	Ery	0	Pardon,	Alicia	Hex	-2
Clarke,	Emily	Hex	-2	James,	Alexandria	YV	-1	Rogers,	Joel	Hex	-2
Dawson,	Brooke	VPC	-1	Johnstone,	Amy	Yal		Shaw,	Kathryn	VPC	-2
Downs,	Gaye	Yal	-2	Maisano,	Daniele	Yal	-1	Speirs,	Camilla	VPC	-2
Drum,	Amber	YV	-1	Mann,	Clementine	Hex	0	Taylor,	Michelle	Hex	-1
Gibbs,	Amber	VPC	0	Mann,	Jane	VPC		Yencken,	Carolyn	Mla	

OTHERS Since 2000:

Marie Louise Easton, Elisha Elliot, Kelly Fernandez, Pricilla Gorton, Emily and Sally Harman, Karen and Nicole Holzer, Fiona Kalies, Chloe Kiels, Amanda Lithgow, Melanie McCullen, Kathryn McNee, Katrina Metherall, Joolz Nasir, Emma Sampson, Jo and Maddy Shoesmith, Marnie Hamersley Smith and Charlie Sweeney.



Victorian Women's Polo Championships 2017 at Mingela

TROPHIES FOR COMPETITION IN VICTORIA, [current and past]

NAME	First Competition	CLUB	DONOR/SPONSOR	Details
Allendale	1930's Allendale	H. F. Creswick	'1929 Depression, polo restart'	
Abrecht Shield	1959 Yarra Valley	E.P.S. Abrecht	for intra-club play	
G.N. Armstrong	1972 Yarra Valley	Mrs. E. Armstrong	& daughter Pamela Lady Vestey	
Bayles	1912 Caramut	Bayles family		
Brassey	1898 Melbourne	Lord Brassey	VPA President Vic Governor	
Byron-Heath	1973 Yarra Valley	Mrs. N. Byron-Heath	also donor of Legacy trophies	
Carranballac	1925 Carranballac	Chirnside family	family property, Skipton	
Cavendish	1958 Cavendish	Members	'Kenilworth'	
Chirnside Cup	1902 Melbourne	G. Chirnside	1985 HRH Prince Charles, player	
Colac Challenge	1897 Colac	players	for play in the 'W.D'	
Coldstream	1964 Yarra Valley	Mrs. Kath Selman	'for' late F.A. Selman	
Conroy	2012 Merrimu	Melb. Polo Club	founder of Merrimu Club	
Cooronwarrabul	1932 Cooronwarrabul	Sir George Knox	at Kent Park, Knox	
Cresta	1975 Yarra Valley	Mrs. E.M. Hemkes	of 'Cresta', Healesville	
Creswick	1938 MV/VPA	Mrs. A.T. Creswick	for play 'Off Scratch'	
Cumming	1907 Caramut	W.B. Cumming	of a 'WD' pioneer polo family	
Flowerfield	1954 Yarra Valley	Members	tribute to Lithgow family	
Guest	1954 Melb Hunt	T.B. Guest	player in Vic. & Tas. 1930's	
Hexham	1938 Caramut/Hex	Hexham players	played 'On Handicap'	
Hopetoun	1894 Melb. P Club	Countess of Hopetoun	wife of Vic Governor	
Huntingfield	1936 Moonee Valley	Lord Huntingfield	Australian Governor General	
Legacy	1961 Yarra Valley	Club Members	for YV Group of Melb. Legacy	
Lindsay Cup	1904 Caramut & Girgarre	Polo Clubs		
Lithgow	2018 Yarra Valley	Lithgow Family	for Lower Handicapped play	
Madden	1906 Melb. P Club	Sir John Madden	metropolitan play, Vic. Governor	
Merrang	1928 C'mut/Hexham	R.A.D. Hood	named for family property	
Mobil	1966 Melb. P Club	Mobil Co.	per J. Winchester-Melb. polo club	
Moonee Valley	1922 M.V.P.C.	M.V. Racing Club	Host/Moonee V.R.C, donation	
Murray Rule	1955 Yarra Valley	Members	tribute to Founder/player	
Neill	1964 Melb Hunt	Col. E.H.B. Neill	and Mrs. Neill	
Norris Shield	2012 Yarra Valley	G.H.P. Norris	intra-club play	
Palmer	1950 Hexham	Palmer family	for C.B. [Claude] Palmer	
Peninsular	1954 Peninsular PC	Members	Colonel .A. Gibson & J.V. Edgar	
Portsea	1990 VPA	VPA	for M'ton. Peninsular 'Community'	
Renault	1987 Melb. P Club	Renault	per J. Winchester	
Somers	1928 Moonee Valley	Lord Somers	Vic Governor	
Stradbroke	1923 V.P.A.	Earl of Stradbroke	Vic Governor	
Talbot	1907 Melb. P Club	Sir Reginald Talbot	Vic Governor	
Urquhart	1935 Hexham	Urquhart family	for play 'off scratch'	
VPA, 'Melb. Cup'	1985 Werribee Park	VPA/sponsors	& Melb. PC 'Cup'	
Tournament-1895				
" Melb International	1980	"	"	1980's donor, 'Country Road' Co.
" Melb Show	1939 Melb. Show Gr'ds	"	"	Royal Ag. Society of Vic
" Victoria Cup	1992 Werribee Park	VPA, 'for' G.H. Norris		Season's most successful club
" Windsor Plate	1976	various venues, Windsor Hotel, Melbourne		
Wine Makers Challenge	1994	Werribee Park	'Katnook' Estate	

TROPHIES FOR COMPETITION IN VICTORIA, - refer to Club Profiles

Section T.2

NAME	Year(s)	Host CLUB	DONOR	Details
Abbott	2000	VPA	C.P. Abbott	'Improved player'
Bri Bri	2001/	Hexham		E.A. Mann
Chandon	1989	Yarra Valley		Domaine Chandon, Yarra Valley
Denman	1912/13/14	Melbourne		Lord Denman, Vic. Governor
Dunhill	1974	Vic. Polo Assoc.		Corporate sponsor
Inter-School	1992	VPA, at Hexham & YV		VPA / E.A. Mann & YV Polo Club
Kelly	1960	Yarra Valley		D.B. Kelly for Alfred [father]
Moffatt	1913 & 25	Caramut		Family
Moomba	1967	Vic. Polo Assoc.		at Flinders Park, Melb & YV Polo Club
Niall	1922	Melbourne PC		at Moonee Valley
Oaklands	1969	Melbourne PC		Donors, players
Tony Jones	1981	Melbourne PC		Memorial by players
Stonehaven	1934	Melbourne PC		H.E. the Vic. Governor
Winchester	1987	Melbourne PC		Players, for John Winchester



At Royal Melbourne Show,
1975, Melbourne Polo
Centenary Tournament.

*Arthur Angliss checks for
Sinclair Hill.*

WINNING TEAMS of VICTORIAN TROPHIES

Section T.3

Victorian Polo Association TROPHIES

CRESWICK CUP V.P.A. Presented by Mrs. A.T. Creswick to Moonee Valley Polo Club, 1938

1954	Melbourne Hunt-A	R.Richardson, D.Wood, A.R.Creswick, P.Diggle
1955	Hexham-A	J.Morrisom, A.Officer, J.W.Kelly, C.R.Kelly
1956	Hexham-A	J.W.Kelly, W. Weatherly, J.E.F.Mann, J.E. de Little
1958	Hexham-A	A.Officer, J.W.Kelly, J.E.F.Mann, K.W.Urquhart
1960	Hexham Wasps	A.Officer, J.Nash, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1963	Queensland	M.Waldron, T.MacGinley, R.Sechner, J.Nash, K.Telford
1965	Hexham	W.J.T.Clarke, A.W.Officer, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1971	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	J.Ford, H.J.Nicholas, J.Goold, AW.Scarff
1973	Hexham-A	J.Clarke, E.A.Mann, J.W.Kelly, J.Weatherly
1974	DRAW New Zealand	C.Barry, G.Broughton, J.Watson, R.Saunders
	New South Wales-A	O.P.Tait, J.Mackay, R.Walker, A.Bragg
1977	Melbourne	A.Key, A.Scarff, J.Patterson, J.Taylor
1978	Hexham	J.W.Kelly, E.A.Mann, J.Goold, J.Weatherly
1980	Hexham-A	A.Baillieu, J.Weatherly, E.Mann, D.Baulch
1981	Victoria-A	J.Weatherly, J.Goold, P.MacGinley, E.Mann
1982	Hexham-A	L.Shepherd, E.Mann, J.Goold, J.Weatherly
1983	Berwick	G.White, D.Reid, J.MacGinley, J.Taylor
1984	Berwick	G.White, I.Gould, Kuldeep Gaucha, J.Taylor
1985	Hexham	C.Abbott, E.Mann, J.Goold, A.Baillieu
1986	Hexham	C.Abbott, A.Baillieu, C.Baillieu, J.Weatherly
1987	Berwick	M.Ford, G.White, I.Hunt, J.Taylor
1988	Hexham	E.Mann, J.Goold, J.Patterson, T.Stewart
1989	Hexham	C.Abbott, A.Baillieu, T.Harris, T.Stewart
1990	Mt Dunmore	C.Strachan, D.Johnston, M.Soccas, B.Roux
1991	Ballangeich	J.Sheridan, J.Guinazu, J.Goold, A.Ramos
1992	Yaloak [?]	S.Martin, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns, D.Yunghanns
1993	Adelaide	A.MacLachlan, G.MacLachlan, J.MacLachlan, L.McLachlan
1994	Hexham	A.Cillierus (S Africa), T.Stewart, J.Patterson, A.Baillieu
1996	Bakers Ridge	S.Baillieu, M.MacKinnon, J.Appleby, R.Baillieu
2017	Leisure Concepts	T.McBean, H.Muddle, T.Fernandez, G.Kyte

WINDSOR PLATE (Winners List) Donated by Windsor Hotel, Melb, per G.H. Norris

1976	Victoria-A	A.Officer, J.Ford, J.W.Kelly, J.Weatherly	at Flowerfield
1977	Hexham	A.Officer, C.Abbott, J.Officer, D.Baulch	at Flowerfield
1988	Parkland		at Flowerfield
1990	Ayre Hill	R.Thomas, M.Field, G.Keyte, S.Bennett	at Flowerfield
1991	Hexham		at Yaloak

POLO TOURNAMENTS arranged by VPA at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds

1939	Hexham	R.Bryant, N.Calvert, N.B.Palmer	[Evening matches]
1948	Hexham	R.Bryant, C.C. Kelly, N.Calvert	[Evening matches]
1968	Composites	Indian Cavalry Regiment, mixed teams	
1973	Gil Gil, NSW	Sinclair Hill, S.Hardcastle, R.McGilvray	for 'David Knox' Trophy
1974	Goondiwindi	John White, S.Hardcastle, R.McGilvray	
1975	Goondiwindi	S.Hardcastle, R.McGilvray, J.Dunn	

[Tournament commemorating the CENTENARY of Polo in Melbourne]

ABBOTT TROPHY - Presented by Charles Abbott, for Most Improved Player

1986	Noel Beattie
1988	Bernard Roux

STRADBROKE CUP, V.P.A.

Section T.4

Presented by Earl of Stradbroke for Moonee Valley Polo Club

1922	Caramut-C	C.C. Kelly, J.E. de Little, K. Urquhart, R. Cumming.
1923	F. Downer's Sth Australians	R.F.Angus, C.J.Law-Smith, E.M.Murray, J.C.Murray
1924	Camperdown	John Manifold, Colin Robertson, T.C. Manifold, I.O.Winter-Irving
1925	Camperdown	John Manifold, R.Brisbane, T.G.Manifold, I.O.Winter-Irving
1926	Mt Crawford (S.A.)	R.F.Angus, J.F.Murray, E.M.Murray, J.C.Murray
1927	Southern Riverina	R.H.N.Landale, C.L.Falkiner, C.E.Skene, N.F.Armytage,D.Boyd
1928	Harden (N.S.W.)	C.E.Skene, J.K.Ross, W.F.Ross, T.F.Ross
1929	Inverell (N.S.W.)	G.E.Foster, F.Gordon Munro, Douglas Munro, T.F.Ross
1930	Harden (N.S.W.)	J.K.Ross, D.J.Munro, C.E.Skene, W.F.Ross
1933	Melbourne Hunt	H.F.Creswick, R.N.Nimmo, S.A.Greaves, J.L.Byrne
1934	Adelaide	C.C.Hayward, W.K.Bakewell, E.W.Hayward, C.T.Byrne
1935	Adelaide	D.M.Reid, C.C.Hayward, E.M.Murray, C.T.Byrne
1936	Caramut	C.C.Kelly, J.D.de Little, J.E.F.Mann, A.K.Urquhart
1937	Melbourne Hunt	T.R.Wilbraham, A.R.Creswick, W.H.Browne, R.H.Nimmo
1938	Caramut	C.C.Kelly, J.D.de Little, J.E.F.Mann, A.K.Urquhart
1952	NSW C	R.D.Sell, L.R.Morean, J.E.Hayden, P.J.Bell
1954	New South Wales-C	R.D.Bell, L.H.Morgan, J.E.Haydon, P.J.Bell
1958	Cavendish	F.H.Wettenhall, D.W.Gardner, D.M.Reid, A.G.Gardner
1960	Hexham Wasps	A.W.Officer, J.A.Nash, C.R.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1963	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	J.Ford, F.Underwood, H.J.Nicholas, F.A.Selman
1965	Toom pang	F.Walker, P.O.Tait, G.M.Osborne, J.Bray
1967	Hexham	W.J.T.Clarke, A.W.Officer, J.F.Weatherly, K.W.Urquhart
1971	Hexham	W.J.T.Clarke, C.R.Manifold, J.F.Weatherly, A.M.Calvert
1973	Melbourne Hunt	J.Key, E.Coatman, P.Walmsley, H.Molloy
1976	Victoria-B	A.W.Scarff, H.Molloy, J.Halliwell, A.W.Angliss
1978	Penola	A.Officer, J.F.Ford, W.Moorhouse, P.Rymill
1980	Berwick	G.R.White, A.W.Scarff, G.Doolin, R.R.Cudmore
1981	Victoria-B	C.Abbott, R.Connelly, A.Morse, A.J.Baillieu
1982	Hexham	K.Kelly, C.Abbott, A.Baillieu, R.R.Weatherly
1983	Hexham	K.Kelly, C.Abbott, A.J.Baillieu, E.A.Mann
1984	Hexham	C.Abbott, Cpt.Bhawanisingh, J.W.C.Goold, A.J.Baillieu
1985	Berwick	A.J.MacLachlan, J.R.White, J.M.E.Patterson, M.R.Ford
1987	Hexham	M.Boissard, M.H.C.Baillieu, C.P.Abbott, T.W.J.Stewart
1988	Woftam	C.P.Abbott, T.Harris, E.A.Mann, A.J.Baillieu
1990	Hexham	M.MacKinnon, A.J.Baillieu, E.A.Mann, T.W.J.Stewart
1991	Yaloak	D.B.Yunghanns, I.Haggerty, G.M.Keyte, P.N.Yunghanns
1992	Mt William	M.R.Ford, R.Sandow, W.Glennie, G.P.Norris
1993	Lilydale	A.McKenzieSmith, J.Castricum, J.Nolan, J.Bayard
1994	Lilydale	J.Bayard, J.Nolan, P.Potgieter (S Africa), N.Beattie
2017	AYC	A.Yenken, J.Berner, B.Watson, S.Gairdner

VICTORIA CUP V.P.A. Season's most successful club

1992 & 1993	Hexham	A.J.Baillieu (Cpt)	1994	Yaloak	G.M.Kyte (Cpt)
2017	Leisure Concepts				

PORTSEA POLO

- School of Army Health Trophy;

formerly Quarantine Station, Officers Training School and then Army Health

'Finals' of League Matches, held previously at Werribee Park by the VPA/Victorian Polo Club

1990	Bennison McKinnon	C.Baillieu, M.Mackinnon, J.Patterson, A.Baillieu
1991	Yaloak	T.Clarke, J.Barnard, G.Keyte, T.Stewart
1992	Yaloak	S.Martin, D.Yunghanns, G.Keyte, G.Webster
1993	Hebuirn	W.Drever, D.Reid, A.Heine, J.Conroy
1996	Yaloak	D.Yunghanns, S.Martin, G.Keyte, D.Yunghanns
2001	Mumm	D Calvert-Jones, A. Hine, M. Mackinnon, S. Wilson
2002	Fly Emirates	
2003	ULR Group	
2005	Lexus	W. Burrell, J. Baillieu, G. McLachlan, H. McLachlan

FEB/MARCH INTER - NATIONAL

Section T.5

Victorian Polo Association tournaments at Werribee Park

1980 Internationals	C.Jones, H.Hipwood [UK], S.McKenzie[NZ], J.F.Weatherly
1981 Australians	J.F.Weatherly, A.Devitch, J.MacGinley, E.A.Mann
1982 Australians	J.F.Weatherly, P.MacGinley, J.W.Goold, J.MacGinley
1983 Internationals	G.Todd, B.Dardagan [Zimbabwe], J.MacGinley, M.Harley
1984 DRAWN Australians Indian 61 st Cavalry	E.A.Mann, I.Gould, J.W.Goold, P.MacKinley Cpt.Bhawani Singh, Maj.K.S.Garcha, Col.V.P.Singh,
Maj.M.S.Sekon	
1986 Texas (US)	M.Gose, R.Gonzales, R.Gracida, S.Gose
1987 New Zealand	A.Browne, G.M.Keyte, G.Thomas, I.McKelvie
1988 Internationals [Hawaiians & Zimbabwian]	T.Mullins [H], T.Harris [H], M.Dailey [H] & J.Campbell [Z]
1989 Southern Australia	D.Johnston, G.Ballard, G.M.Keyte, M.Todd
1990 Australians	E.A.Mann, M.Field, I.Haggerty, J.Weatherly
1991 Commonwealth	A.Baillieu [UK], P.Clarkin [NZ], S.McKenzie [NZ], W.Glennie[NZ]
1992 Australians [Vic]	E.A.Mann, G.M.Keyte, W.Glennie, J.F.Weatherly
1994 South Africa	R.Williamson, A.Ciellers, P.Potgeiter, C.Hill
1995 Australians	A.Baillieu, J.Nolan, R.Gutridge, J.Appelby
1996 Dubai Polo Club	A.Abwadi, R.Thame, G.Gilmore, H.McGregor
1998 Australians	S.Martin, J.Baillieu, S.McGregor, G.McLachlan
2000 England	S. Gairdner, R. Williams, J. Harper, A. Hine
2001 Dubai	R. Pemble, J. del Carril, A. Diaz-Alberdi, R. Al Habtoor
2006 England	A. Hine, S. Gairdner, R Williams, J. Harper
2007 Victoria	
2008 Victoria	S. Baillieu, S. McGregor, H. McLachlan, G. Keyte

MELBOURNE CUP WEEK POLO at Werribee Park

N.B. 1895 - Melbourne Cup Week polo at Kooyong: England v Victoria matches; Wins - 'one each'

1985 Katnook	R.Mackinnon, I.Gould, P.MacGinley, P.Yunghanns
1986 Victoria	C.Baillieu, S.Gilmore, J.Taylor, J.Gilmore
1987 Katnook	D.Johnston, G.Keyte, P.MacGinley, P.Yunghanns
1988 Mt.Dunmore	B.Roux, D.Johnston, M.Todd, A.Snow
1989 Ellerston: white	R.Lynch, S. Gilmore, M.Field, L.Shepherd
1990 Ellerston	
1991 Berwick	G.White, D.Johnston, M.Todd, C.Strachan
1994 Ellerston	G.Birrell, I.Lynch, J.Gilmore, J.Gaunt
1995 Royal Childrens Hospital	A.Williams, M.Todd, D.Reid, V.Kavals
2000 Ellerston-black	D. Gould, J. Beim, C. Gracida, J. Packer
2001 Multiplex	A. Roberts, J Baillieu, H. Brett, T. Morley
2002 Ellerston-white	J. Packer, Jose Donoso, D. Sterling, R. Archibald
2004 Abercrombie & Kent	M. King, J. Beim, M. Todd, E. Goold
2005 Ellerston-white	E. Archibald, N. Roldan, J. Beim, J. Packer
2006 Ellerston	R. Le Poer, J. Beim, M. Todd, G. Hill
2007 Eynesbury	G. Gilmore, W. Gilmore, S. Baillieu, W. McLachlan
2008	
2009 Garangula	A. White, J. Archibald, E. Hitchman, S. Keyte
2011 Kallis Pearis	A. Karoli, G. Prendiville, G. Gilmore, R. Baillieu
2014 Ellerston-white	D. Paradice, M. Grimes, A. Barnett, J. Harper

MELBOURNE POLO CLUB Trophies

Section T.6

CHIRNSIDE CUP

1904 Caramut H.F. de Little, W.M. Bayles, R. Cumming, at Kooyong
1906 Girgarre

Victoria's 150th Polo Tournament

1985 Victoria A. Baillieu, J. Patterson, E. Mann, J. Taylor at Werribee Park

COUNTESS OF HOPETOUN'S CUP presented by the Countess, at Richmond Racecourse

1894 Caramut E.R. de Little, J.W.T. Armstrong, R.A.D. Hood, J.N. McArthur

1895 Camperdown A.S. Chirnside, T.P. Manifold, C.J. Manifold, W.T. Manifold

1896 Camperdown J.C. Manifold, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, L.G. McArthur

1897 Camperdown J.C. Manifold, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, L.G. McArthur

[Camperdown, as three time winners, retained the Cup]

THE BRASSEY CUP Melbourne Polo Club, presented by H.E. Patrick Lord Brassey, as donor [played at Moonee Valley Racecourse]

1898 Camperdown J.C. Manifold, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, L.G. McArthur

1899 Camperdown J.C. Manifold, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, L.G. McArthur

1900 Camperdown J.C. Manifold, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, L.G. McArthur

[Camperdown as three time winners, retained the Cup]

MADDEN CUP Melbourne Polo Club presented by Sir John Madden, Governor of Victoria [played on handicap]

1901 Camperdown J.C. Manifold, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, L.G. McArthur at Moonee Valley

1902 Colac G. Robertson, C. Robertson, E. Robertson, C.E. Parsons at Kooyong

1903 Camperdown C. Palmer, W.T. Manifold, E. Manifold, A.J. Staughton at Kooyong

1904 Colac E. Browne, J. Robertson, H. Robertson, C.P. Robertson at Kooyong

1905 Melbourne J.T. Lempriere, C. Lempriere, G. Lorimer, E. Fitzgerald at
Kooyong

1906 Colac E. Browne, J.E. Robertson, H. Robertson, C.P. Robertson at Kooyong

[Colac, winner 3rd time retained the Cup; Lady Talbot presented it to Everard Browne]

TALBOT CUP Melbourne Polo Club presented by Sir Reginald Talbot, Vic Governor

1907 Caramut H. de Little, W. Bayles, R. Cumming, R. Urquhart at Kooyong

1908 Camperdown E. Manifold, H. Stanmore, T. Bailey, Angus Reid at Kooyong

1909 Caramut-B R.A.D. Hood, R. Urquhart, K. Urquhart, R. Cumming
played at Moonee Valley & Kooyong

1910 Caramut R.A. Affleck, R. Cumming, G. Chirnside, K. Urquhart at Geelong

DENMAN CUP

1912 Colac

1913 Gov. General's team Lord Denman, R. Wilberforce, Captains H. Nutting & G. Burnham

1914 Colac/Caramut – Draw

THE SOMERS CUP presented by Lord Somers, Governor of Victoria

1928 at Moonee Valley

1930 Tournament for junior players at Somers, Victoria

MOONEE VALLEY POLO CLUB, Stradbroke & Creswick Cups (refer to VPA Trophies sections T.3 & T.4)

THE HUNTINGFIELD CUP presented by Lord Huntingfield, Governor of Victoria

1936 1939

MELBOURNE HUNT POLO CLUB Trophies, Neill Cup

THE COORONWARRABUL POLO CLUB Trophy presented by Sir George Knox, the president

1929 1933

URQUHART CUP

Donated by the A. Keith Urquhart family

1950 Hexham-A	J.W.Kelly, W.Weatherly, J.E.F.Mann, J.E.de Little
1952 Hexham-A	
1956 Hexham-A	A.W.Officer, J.W.Kelly, J.E.F.Mann, C.R.Kelly
1957 Hexham Hornets	A.Chirnside, J.Nash, J.E.F.Mann, J.A.Kelly
1958 Hexham Hornets	A.W.Officer, J.W.Kelly, J.E.F.Mann, K.W.Urquhart
1959 Hexham Wasps	R.Nash, A.Officer, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1962 Hexham Rockets	J.Clark, T.Harding, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1964 Hexham	J.Clark, T.Harding, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1965 Adelaide	J.A. & A.G. McGregor, H.G.MacLachlan, A.C.Ross
1966 Hexham	W.J.T.Clark, A.W.Officer, J.F.Weatherly, K.W.Urquhart
1967 Hexham	W.J.T.Clark, A.W.Officer, J.F.Weatherly, K.W.Urquhart
1968 Hexham	W.J.T.Clark, A.W.Officer, J.F.Weatherly, K.W.Urquhart
1969 Adelaide	J.A. & A.G. McGregor, H.G.MacLachlan, A.C.Ross
1971 Hexham Wasps	R.E.Mann, C.R.Manifold, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1972 Hexham	A.W.Officer, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart, J.F.Weatherly
1973 Adelaide	D.A.A.Black, A.C.McGregor, H.G.MacLachlan, A.A.McLachlan
1974 Hexham	W.J.T.Clark, E.A.Mann, J.W.C.Goold, J.W.Kelly
1975 Hexham	J.Goold, J.W.Kelly, J.Mann, J.Weatherly
1976 Victoria	J.Forde, J.F.Weatherly, J.W.C.Goold, J.W.Kelly
1977 Hexham	E.A.Mann, J.F.Weatherly, J.W.C.Goold, J.W.Kelly
1978 Hexham	E.A.Mann, J.F.Weatherly, J.W.C.Goold, J.W.Kelly
1979 Bungendore	R.Cowan, P.McGinley, J.McGinley, J.Kilmartin
1980 Adelaide	D.A.A.Black, J.Patterson, H.G.MacLachlan, A.A.McLachlan
1984 Hexham	C.Abbott, J.Goold, E.Mann, A.Baillieu [in 8 th chucka]
1986 Hexham	C.Abbott, J.Patterson, E.Mann, A.Baillieu
1987 Ellerslie Hunt	J.W.Goold, M.Field, J.Patterson, D.Reid
1990 Yaloak	B.Officer, J.Weatherly, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns
1991 Berwick	G.White, C.Strachan, D.Johnston, J.Weatherly
1992 Yaloak	
1993 Mt Pleasant	
1998 Mt Pleasant	W.Burrell, R.Ballard, A.Heine, T.Stewart
2000 Hexham	A.Roberts, J. [?] , J. B [?], D.Calvert Jones
2001	A.Blakely, M.A.MacLachlan, V.Kavals, G.H.MacLachlan
2002 Kinvonvie	M.MacKinnon, S.B [?], S.McGregor, T.Stewart
2003 Hexham-A	A.Blakely, E.A.Mann, J.Patterson, T.Stewart
2004 Yaloak	
2005/2006 Wormbete	

HEXHAM CUP

formerly the Hexham Handicap Challenge Cup [Caramut]

1937 Melbourne Hunt	
1938 Hexham-C	
1948 Adelaide-A	
1950 Hexham-A	
1952 Melbourne Hunt	
1956 Melbourne Hunt-A	G.Austin, R.Richardson, A.Creswick, H.Nicholas
1957 Yarra Glen-Lilydale	G.E.Casey, F.Underwood, R.Benson, G.H.Norris
1958 Cavendish	F.H.Wettenhall, D.Reid, D.W. & A.G. Gardner
1962 Yarra Glen-Lilydale	F.J.Lithgow, F.Underwood, G.H.Norris, F.A.Selman
1967 Hexham-A	J.Clark, A.Officer, J.Weatherly, K.Urquhart
1975 Adelaide	D.Black, A.McGregor, H.MacLachlan, A.MacLachlan
1976 Western Australia	J.Webster, J.Reddrop, O.Readhead, R.Webster
1984 Berwick	
1986 Adelaide	A.Gray, R.Ross, A.Michael, A.MacLachlan
1987 Adelaide	
1992 Glen Devon	

MERRANG CUP, Hexham, (ex Caramut Polo Club), Presented by the Hood Family

1928	Seven Creeks	J., H., and G. Hindaugh and S.I. Winter-Irving
1950	Adelaide-B	
1952	Cavendish	
1956	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	R.Benson, W.V.Houghton, F.Selman, G.H.Norris
1958	Hexham Wasps	J.Gubbins, R.Nash, J.Nash, J.R.Morrison
1962	Astronauts	G.E.Casey, H.J.Nicholas, J.Ford, D.B.Kelly
1964	Melbourne	S.Sewell, A.Thompson, E.R.Rundle, W.Robertson
1967	DRAW, Melb. Hunt & Hexham-	A.Scarff, J.Winchester, J.Halliwell, R.Robinson BC.Manifold, R.Weatherly, W.Weatherly, J.W.& J.A.Kelly, R.Leishman
1975	Hexham	J.Mann, T.Officer, C.Abbott, J.Richardson
1986	Adelaide-C	L. A. J. & C.MacLachlan, S.McGregor
1990	Hexham	S.Mitchell, T.Clarke, J.Weatherly, W.Mackinnon
1991	Hexham	J.Chapman, T.Clarke, P.Angerson, C.Baillieu
1992	Yaloak	
1993	Langi Willi	
2008	Hexham-C	C.& H.Mann, Paul Henschke
2015		H.Muddle, S.Lucy, S.Adams, K.McGavin

PALMER CUP Hexham formerly C.B. [Claude] Palmer Cup, presented by the family

1950	Hexham-B	
1952	Melbourne Hunt	
1956	Hexham-B	J.Morrison, G.Officer, N.B.Palmer, K.Urquhart
1958	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-B	D.B.Kelly, W.V.Houghton, S.B.Seymour, G.H.Norris
1969	Penola	M.Balharry, I.MacLachlan, P.Rymill, W.Moorhouse
1975	Hexham-B	J.Clarke, D.Baulch, A.Officer, R.Weatherly
1985	Yaloak	
1986	Adelaide-B	R.Sandow, J.Geddes, S.Glasser, N.Simpson
1987	Moreep	
1989	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	J.S.Wilson, A.McH.-Smith jun., J.Nolan, I.Heggerty
1990	Hexham	A.Gray, L.MacLachlan, C.Abbott, N. Simpson
1991	Mt Pleasant	L.MacLachlan, J.MacLachlan, H.MacLachlan, S.McGregor
1993	Yaloak	

CUMMING CUP Caramut/Hexham Polo Club presented by W.B. Cumming of Mt Fyans

1907	Girgarre	J., O. & W. Winter-Irving, G.Robertson
1908	Caramut	R.A.D.Hood, R.A.Affleck, E.R.de Little, R.Urquhart, at Colac
1909	Caramut	R.A.D.Hood, R.A.Affleck, E.R.de Little, R.Urquhart at Camperdown
1910	Caramut	R.A.D.Hood, R.A.Affleck, E.R.de Little, R. Cumming at Geelong
1911	Caramut	R.A.D.Hood, R.A.Affleck, E.R.de Little, R.Urquhart
1912	Colac	C.P.Robertson, C.Robertson, O.Winter-Irving, E.Browne
1913	Colac	C.P.Robertson, C.Robertson, Clive Robertson, O.Winter-Irving
1914	Caramut	R.Urquhart, K.Urquhart, W.R.Cumming, G.Chirnside
1922	Caramut	R.Cumming, K.Urquhart, K.Calvert, N.Calvert.
1923	Caramut	R.Cumming, James Affleck, J.E.de Little, K.Calvert
1924	Caramut	R.Cumming, James Affleck, K.Urquhart, A.Urquhart
1925	Caramut	J.E.de Little, K.Urquhart, J.Affleck, R.Cumming
1926	Caramut	J.E.de Little, K.Urquhart, J.Affleck, R.Cumming
1927	Caramut	J.E.de Little, K.Urquhart, J.Affleck, R.Cumming
1928	[not played due to adverse weather]	
1929	Caramut	C.C.Kelly, K.Urquhart, J.E.de Little, J.Mann
1930	Caramut	C.C.Kelly, K.Urquhart, J.E.de Little, J.Mann
1931-1935	[not played]	
1936	Caramut	C.C.Kelly, K.Urquhart, J.E.de Little, J.Mann
1937	Caramut [outright]	C.C.Kelly, K.Urquhart, J.E.de Little, J.Mann



Cumming Cup winning team 1910,
Carramut, with Mr W.R. Cumming

Rod Urquhart, Ron Affleck,
W.B. Cumming, Alec Hood
and Ernest de Little

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL CUP Dunkeld Polo

2005 T. Clarke, K. Johnson, S. McGregor, J. Mantello

BAYLES CUP Caramut/Hexham Polo Club, presented by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Bayles
1912 Caramut G. Chirnside, R. Cumming, E.R. de Little, K. Urquhart

LINDSAY CUP Caramut Polo Club

1904

1905 Caramut R.A.D. Hood, E.R. de Little, W. Bayles, H. de Little

MOFFATT CUP Caramut Polo Club

1913

1925 Caramut R. Cumming, N. Calvert, D. Moffatt, Stan Winter-Irving

CARRANBALLAC TROPHY Carranballac Polo Club

1925 Caramut Jim Mann, Noel Calvert, Bill Armstrong, Colin Whitehead

1926 Caramut W.R Cumming, Noel Calvert, J. de Little, J. Mann

COLAC CHALLENGE CUP Colac Polo Club

1897 Caramut R.A.Affleck, E.R.de Little, S.F.Mann, H.Osborne

1898 Camperdown L.McArthur, W.T.Manifold, J.C.Manifold, T.Manifold

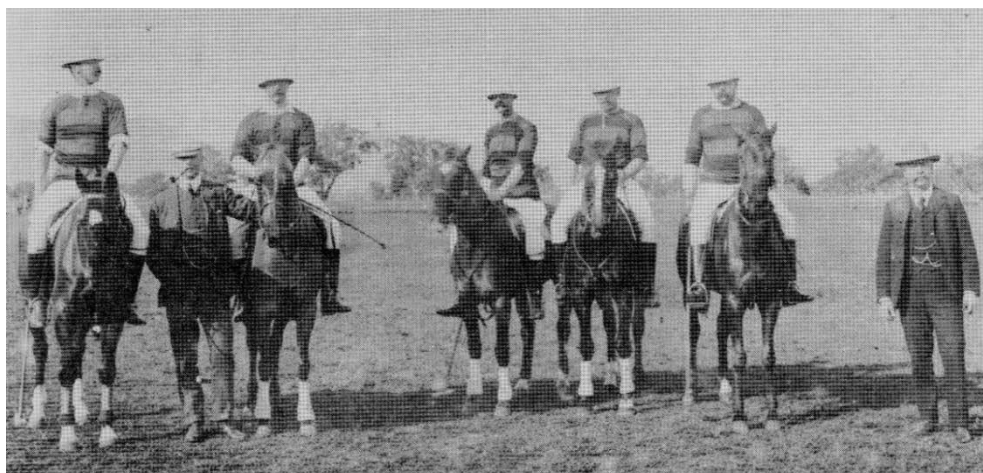
1899 Camperdown L.McArthur, W.T.Manifold, J.C.Manifold, T.Manifold

1900 Colac Everard Browne, James, Geoge & Colin Robertson

1901 Caramut H.Osborne, E.R.de Little, R.A.D.Hood, R.A.Affleck

1902 Camperdown W.T.Manifold, E.Manifold, J.Hindhough, H.Stansmore

1907 Caramut E.R.de Little, H.de Little, R.A.Affleck, R.Urquhart



1905 Victorian Team
that toured NSW

R.A. Affleck, J.S. Ross,
E.R. de Little, R.A.D. Hood,
J.C. Manifold, W.J. Clarke

YARRA VALLEY (Yarra Glen-Lilydale) POLO CLUB TROPHIES at Flowerfield, Coldstream

FLOWERFIELD CUP Yarra Glen-Lilydale / Yarra Valley Polo Club, Donated by the members

1956	Melbourne Hunt-A	R.Blackwell, H.Nicholas, A.Creswick, W.Sewell
1957	Melbourne Hunt	D.Knox, H.Nicholas, A.Creswick, W.Sewell
1959	Hexham-A	A.Officer, J.W.Kelly, J.E.F.Mann, N.B.Palmer
1960	Victoria ?	A.Officer, J.Nash, C.W.Kelly, K.Urquhart
1962	Hexham Jets	R.Nash, A.Officer, J.Nash, J.A.Kelly
1964	Hexham	R.Harding, J.Clarke, A.Officer, K.Urquhart
1966	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	J.Ford, W.Kelly, H.Nicholas, R.Robinson
1968	Melbourne Hunt-A	M.Berwick, H.Molloy, J.Halliwell, R.Robinson
1970	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	J.Ford, D.Kelly, J.Goold, A.Scarff
1975	Melbourne Hunt	R.Myers, R.Copeman, H.Molloy, J.Halliwell
1977	Melbourne-A	D.Head, A.Scarff, J.Patterson, J.Taylor
1979	Melbourne-A	A.Scarff, J.Key, G.Lawrie, J.Taylor
1980	'Lilydale'	Maj.B.Sangar, A.Rivette, M.Rivette, J.Blackburn, D.Axellson, C.Blair
1981	Berwick	G.White, L.Shepherd, Sinclair Hill, J.Taylor
1984	Yaloak	P.Yunghanns, D.Yunghanns, H.Mackinnon, P.MacGinley
1986	Hexham	A.Baillieu, C.Baillieu, C.Abbott, R.Greig
1987	Yaloak	P.Yunghanns, P.MacGinley, D.Johnston, B.Roux
1988	Hexham	T.Clarke, J.Campbell, C.Abbott, M.MacKinnon
1989	'Lilydale'	D.Axellson, A.Scarff, N.Beattie, J.Nolan
1991	Yaloak	P.Yunghanns, D.Yunghanns, I.Haggerty, G.Keyte
1992	Yaloak	S. Martin, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns, D.Yunghanns
1993	Yaloak	S. Martin, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns, D.Yunghanns
1994	Hexham	M.MacKinnon, J.MacLachlan, E.Mann, T.Clarke
1995	Yaloak	S.Martin, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns, D.Yunghanns
1996	Hexham	J.Clarke, E.Mann, S.Hoey, T.Clarke
1997	Merrimu-A	P.Bennets, B.Dicks, R.Ballard, L.Meyer
1998	Frogmore	G.White, J.Appelby, T.Keyte, L.Heine
1999	Clifton	J.Matthies senior & junior, L.Meyer, G.Ballard, R.Ballard
2011	Y.V. Pinot	N. Vann, G.P.Norris, P. Kelly, L. O'Leary
2012	B.F.P.	T.Olden, C. Mann, J. Berner, S. Gardiner
2013	Pebbleridge	T. Olden, D. O'Leary, S. McCraith, P. Henschke
2014	Surf Coast	S. Gardiner, C. Mann, T. Edwards, S. Wincer
2015	Surf Coast	S. Gardiner, C. Mann, P. Henschke, S. Wincer, J.Berner
2016	City to Surf	C. Gibbs, D. Bulteau, S. Dollard, C. Taylor



'Lithgow Family Trophy'
presented by Mrs E.R. Lithgow, 2018



Prince Phillip with Elizabeth and John Lithgow,
Flowerfield, 1967

GEORGE N. ARMSTRONG Cup. [Y. Valley /Y. G.-L'ydale]. Presented by Mrs. G.N. Armstrong,	
	her daughter Pamela Lady Vestey and 'Coombe, the Melba Estate'
1972 Hexham	A.Officer, E.Mann, J.Weatherly, J.W.Kelly
1973 Victoria-B	H.Molloy, J.Ford, J.Goold, J.Halliwell
1974 Victoria-A	E.Mann, J.Ford, J.Goold, J.W.Kelly
1975 Hexham-B	J.Mann, J.& M.Officer, C.Abbott, J.Richardson
1976 Hexham	R.Greig,
1977 Yarra Glen-L'ydale-B	I.Murphy, J.Balharry, H.McK-Smith, D.Axellson
1979 Yarra Glen-L'ydale-A	A.McKenzie-Smith, A.Angliss, J.Ford, P.Yunghanns
1980 Melbourne-B	J.Fredericks, R.Cust, J.Clements, E.Rundle
1981 Hexham-B	K.Kelly, K.Glasser, W.Kelly, R.Weatherly
1982 Yarra Glen-L'ydale-A	A.Rivette, J.Blackburn, W.Kelly, J.Nolan
1983 Yarra Glen-L'ydale-white	M.Underwood, D.Selleck, I.Church, R.George
1984 Yaloak	P.Yunghanns, H.McKinnon, H.Hargrave, J.Conroy
1987 Berwick	C.Strachan, J.Taylor, G.White, R.Thomas
1990 Yaloak	J.Sheridan, W.Glennie, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns
1991 'Lilydale'	A.Scarff, P.Kelly, N.Beattie, D.Axellson
1992 Katnook	S.Martin, G.Keyte, J.Wilcox, P.Yunghanns
1993 Yaloak	J.Clarke, J.Weatherly, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns
1994 Katnook	J.Matthies, S.Mitchell, G.Keyte, P.Yunghanns
1995 Melbourne	W.Alstergren, L.Meyer, R.Simpson, G.Keyte
1996 Melbourne:blue	S.Mitchell, J.Baillieu, R.Guthridge, W.Alstergren
1997 Merrimu	E.Lim, B.Dicks, T.Dicks, B.Blundy.
1998 Flowerfield	G.P.Norris, J.Nolan, M.Morgan, C.P.Abbott
1999 Clifton	J.Matthies senior & junior, L.Meyer, G.Ballard
2011 Y.V.Pinot	N.Vann, G.P.Norris, P.Kelly, L.O'Leary
2012 B.F.P. Real Estate	B. Falk, J. Berner, C. Mann, P. Karolas
2013 Pebble Ridge	T. Olden, D. O'Leary, S. McCaith, P. Henschke
2014 Y.V. Gold	M. Lindh, P. Kelly, S. Stott, J. Marriot
2015 C.B.W.	B. Burns, A. Gilmore, J. Butt, L. Jaffres
2016 R.H. Fencing	G. Sinclair, R. Harman, H. Muddle, T. Fernandez

W. MURRAY RULE CUP Yarra Glen-Lilydale Club to honour only founder-player

1955 Y.G.-Lilydale	F.J.Lithgow, S.B.Seymour, J.T.Houghton, G.H.Norris
1956 Hexham Larks	J.Gubbins, F.A.Selman, W.Weatherly, J.Morrison
1957 Y.G.-Lilydale-B	S.Seymour, D.B.Kelly, D.Maughan, M.Herman
1958 Hexham-B	J.E.T.Clarke, J.W.Kelly, E.A.Mann, N.B.Palmer
1960 Y.G.-Lilydale	G.E.Casey, F.A.Selman, R.Benson, G.H.Norris
1962 Hexham Rockets	J.Clarke, T.Harding, J.W.Kelly, K.W.Urquhart
1964 Melbourne	E.Rundle, A.Thompson, C.Worthy, S.A.Sewell
1966 Y.G.-Lilydale-B	J.Balharry, J.W.T.Clarke, G.H.Norris, Sam [Lord] Vestey
1968 Melbourne	E.Rundle, A.Thompson, S.A.Sewell, A.Scarff
1970 Melbourne Hunt-A	B.Howse, D.Axellson, J.Halliwell, J.Cope
1972 Y.G.-Lilydale-A	J.Goold, A.Angliss, J.Ford, A.Scarff
1981 Riverina	E.Imlay, B.Officer, A.Officer, L.Ryan
1984 Hexham	D.Troedel/A.Barnett, M.Ford, J.Goold, S.Gubbins
1987 Hexham-C	M.Axellson, A.Baillieu, M.Boissard, C.Abbott
1992 Yaloak	R.Pescott, G.Keyte, T.Clarke, P.Yunghanns
1993 Hexham-B	R.Abbott, C.Baillieu, C.Abbott, W.MacKinnon
1995 Langi Willi	W.Burrell, A.Thompson, J.Appelby, W.MacKinnon
2013 Surf Coast Polo	S. McCraith, B. Hughes, W. Fung, J. Oswald-Jacobs
2015 Yarra Valley Gold	P. & O. Kelly, S. Stott, J. Marriott
2016 Yarra Valley White	J. Berner, A Elliott, A. James, R. Sibley
2018 Viva R.C.H.	V. Graham, R. Harman, A. Brien, O. Kelly, S. Gardiner

COLDSTREAM CUP [Y.G.-L.] Yarra Valley Polo Clubdonor Mrs. Kath Selman of Lilydale

1964	Melbourne	E.R.Rundle, A.M.Thompson, C.Worthy, S.A.Sewell
1965	Yarra Glen-L'ydale:white	W.Doherty, D.B.Kelly, F.Underwood, G.H.Norris
1966	Metropolitan	J.Ford, W.Kelly, H.J.Nicholas, R.Robinson
1967	Melbourne Hunt	J.Blackburn, D.Francis, H.Molloy, J.Halliwell, D.Axellson
1968	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	J.Ford, H.Nicholas, G.H.Norris, F.Selman
1969	Composite	W.Lewis, B.Morgan, A.Scarff, R.Robinson, J.Ford, J.Halliwell
1970	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	J.Balharry, J.Goold, D.Kelly, F.Selman
1971	Lilydale Locals	M.Lind, P.Yunghanns, J.Balfour-Brown, G.H.Norris
1973	Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith, G.White, D.Axellson
1977	DRAWN Melbourne	J.Key, A.Scarff, J.Patterson, J.Taylor
	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	A.Jones, H.McKenzie-Smith, J.Ford, P.Yunghanns
1978	Melbourne	J.Clements, A.Scarff, J.Pearce, J.Key
1981	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	W.Kelly, A.Scarff, J.Blackburn, J.Nolan, I.Church, T.Handley
1986	Yaloak	J.Conroy,H.MacKinnon, G.Hoey, P.Yunghanns
1987	Berwick-A	S.Bennett, I.Hunt, M.Ford, R.Simpson
1988	Yaloak:blue	J.Conroy, S.Carroll, B.MacGinley, J.Reisma
1992	Flowerfield	D.Heycock, J.Gilchrist, C.Baillieu, D.Axellson
1994	Mt. Elephant	S.Baillieu, C.Baillieu, A.Baillieu, S.Barrow
1995	Melbourne	W.Alstergren, A.Thompson, E.Mann, J.Pennington
1999	Hillbillys	D,Calvert-Jones, S.Sprague, S.MacGregor, R.May
2011	Karolas Constructions	L.O'Leary, J. McCarthy, P.Banks, P. Karolas
2012	Keystone	A. Spielvogel, M. O'Leary, K. Matthieson, J. Henwood
2013	Surf CoastPolo	S. McCraith, B. Hughes, W. Fung, J. Oswald-Jacobs
2014	Yarra Valley	T. Burrows, O. Kelly, D. Daher, J. Conroy
2015	R.H. Fencing	R. & E. Harman, P. Henschke, L. Meyer, S. Lucy
2016	Y.V. Gold	P. & J. Marriott, S. Stott, B. Cooper

GYPSY MEMORIAL TROPHIES, presented by her owner, Mrs. Felicity Norris: Pony in play

1967	D.B. Kelly's PUZZLE	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	Mrs. Kath Selman - judge
1968	H.J. Nicholas's	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	Mrs. Kath Selman - judge
1977	David Head's	Melbourne	Mrs. Kath Selman - judge
1978	A.W. Scarff's PUPPET	Melbourne	Mrs. Kath Selman - judge
1986	Kim Kelly's	Hexham	Mr. Frank Ford - judge
1987	E.A. Mann's MARGARETTA	Hexham	Mr. Frank Ford - judge
1988	I. Church's	Yaloak	Mr. Frank Ford - judge
1990	G. Keyte's MISTY	Yaloak	Mr. John Ford - judge
1991	N. Beattie's	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	Mr. John Ford - judge
1992	G. Keyte's SHANDY	Yaloak	Mr. John Ford - judge
1993	G. McLachlan's	Adelaide	Mr. John Ford - judge
1994	G. Keyte's SOLDIER	Yaloak	Mr. John Ford - judge
1995	J. Weatherly's MARYANNE	Melbourne	Mr. John Ford - judge
1996	S. Hoey's MANZAMA	Melbourne	Mr. John Ford - judge
1997	R. Ballard	Melbourne	Mr. John Ford - judge
1998	A. Hine's SUGAR	Victorian Polo Club	Mr. John Ford - judge
1999	G. Ballard's DOOLEY & [Steve	Coridas, Memorial B grade - S. McGregor's	RELAY]
2011	M. O'Leary'sPINK		
2013	S. McCraith's BANJO		
2015	S. Gardiner's CHLOE		EQUUS TROPHY – Best Team Ponies, S. Gardiner
2018	J. Berner's LUCY		OFF THE TRACK PRIZE (2018) J. Berner's SPLASH

NORRIS SHIELD YARRA VALLEY INTRA-CLUB play, presented by G.H. Norris

2012 DRAWN

President's Team Darren Kelly, Geoff Norris jun., Dan O'Leary, Nic. Vann,
Geoff Sinclair, Faith Vann, Greg Browne, Ben Mould

Captain's Team Matt O'Leary, Steve Carroll. Barry Deacon, Priscilla Gorton,
John Grant, Bruce Falk, Simon Wincer

(Phil Kelly, club capt.- injured, umpired: Absent- Michael & Nicole Holzer)

2013 President's Team Darren Kelly, Philip Kelly, Oscar Kelly, Faith Vann, Tony Burrows,
Mat Lindh

2015 President's Team D. Kelly, M. Lindh, B. Deacon, S. Stott

2016 Captain's Team P. Kelly, D. Kelly, G. Browne, S. Wincer, R. Harman, S. Stott

2017 Y.V. Blue Team R. Sibley, P. Marriott, R. Harman, J. Berner

2018 Amber's Animals Amber Drum, Philip Kelly, Mat Lindh, Oscar Kelly

NORRIS SHIELD Season's MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Yarra Valley Polo Club
presented by G.H. Norris

2012 Barry Deacon

2013 Simon Wincer

2014 Richard Harmon

2015 Michael Holzer

2016 Rohan Ford

2017 Peta Marriott

2018 Mat Lindh

MATTHEW AXELLSON MEMORIAL TROPHY Presented by Susan and David Axellson
SEASON'S MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR PLAYER under 25

2014 Oscar Kelly

2015 Sam Stott

LEGACY DAY TROPHIES Yarra Glen-Lilydale 'for' Y.V. Group of Melbourne Legacy

1965 Y.G.-Lilydale-B J.Balharry, D.Nicolson, D.B.Kelly, G.H.Norris

1967 Y.G.-Lilydale-B G.Kelly, J.Balfour-Brown, J.Balharry, G.H.Norris

1970 Y.G.-Lilydale-B A.Scarff, D.Kelly, J.Balfour-Brown, G.H.Norris

1971 Melbourne J.Taylor, Sinclair Hill, J.Bradbury, R.Robinson

1972 Melb. Hunt A.Axellson, J.Halliwell, A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith

1973 Melbourne-A B.Morgan, E. Rundle, A.Scarff, S.A.Sewell

1975 Melbourne C.Kennedy, G.White, J.Bradbury, E.R.Rundle

1977 Hexham A.Officer, J.W.Kelly, J.Goold, L.Weatherly

1978 Hexham J.W.Kelly, R.Mann, J.Goold, J.Weatherly

1980 Quirindi D.Pearl, L.Shepherd, Sinclair Hill, J.Richardson

1981 Hexham-A C.Abbott, D.Reid, E.Mann, A.Baillieu

1982 Y.G.-Lilydale J.Nolan, D.Selleck, F.Underwood, A.McKenzie-Smith, W.Kelly

1984 Yaloak P.MacGinley, R.Mackinnon, P.Yunghanns, H.Hargrave

1985 'Flowerfield' H.McKenzie-Smith, J.Weatherly, J.Nolan, [?]

1986 Hexham K.Kelly, A.Abbott, A.Brodie, J.Patterson

1987 Berwick M.Ford, I.Hunt, S.Bennett, R.Simpson

1988 Queenscliff

1989 Lilydale A.McKenzie-Smith, J.Nolan, M.Harley, F.Walton (U.S.)

1990 Mt Dunmore B.Roux, C.Strachan, D.Jonnston, M. Soccas

1991 Hexham W.MacKinnon, H.MacLachlan, S.McGregor, J.Patterson

1992 Mt William G.McLachlan, T.Stewart, W.Glennie, C.Abbott

1993 Adelaide A.& G.& J.MacLachlan, L.McLachlan

1994 Berwick-A B.Dicks, M.Ford, J.Taylor, J.Conroy

1995 Yaloak S.Martin, P.& D.Yunghanns, G.Keyte

1997 Yaloak G.Vickers, P.& D.Yunghanns, G.Keyte

1998 Mt Pleasant W.Burrell, R.Ballard, A.Heine, T.Stewart

1999 Merrimu C.Taylor, G.White, B.Dicks, C.Beattie

ABRECHT SHIELD, Yarra Glen-Lilydale Polo Club, presented by E.P.S. ABRECHT [intra-club]

1959	G.Casey, J.Lithgow, R.Benson, V.Houghton
1960	J.Lithgow, F.Underwood, R.Benson, F.Selman
1961	J.Lithgow, F.Underwood, G.H.Norris, S.Seymour
1962	G.Casey, I.Hunter, R.Benson, F.Underwood, F.Selman
1963	J.Goold, J.Lithgow, D.Kelly, G.H.Norris
1964	D.Francis, J.Ford, F.Underwood, D.Nicolson
1965	J.Ford, F.Underwood, H.Nicholas, F.Selman
1966	J.Blackburn, M.Berwick, J.Halliwell, J.Cope
1967	G.Kelly, J.Balharry, J.Balfout-Brown, G.H.Norris
1969	J.Balfour-Brown, D.Kelly, A.Scarff, G.H.Norris
1970	H.R.H.Prince Philip, J.Balharry, J.Balfour-Brown, J.Goold, J.Ford, H.Nicholas
1971	R.Myers, M.Lind, A.Scarff, P.Yunghanns, G.H.Norris
1972	J.Balfour-Brown, M.Lind, J.Ford, J.Goold, P.Yunghanns
1973	L.Carlyon, J.Balharry, A.Scarff, G.H.Norris
1975	J.Ford, J.Balfour-Brown, D.Kelly, J.Balharry, D.Axellson
1976	A.Angliss, R.Myers, H.McKenzie-Smith,
1977	J.Balharry, D.Axellson, C.Blair, A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith
1978	R.Myers, A.Jones, J.Balharry, A.McKenzie-Smith
1979	D.Yunghanns, J.Balharry, A.Jones, J.Ford, A.McDonald
1982	J.Nolan, D.Kelly, H.McKenzie-Smith, H.Nicholas, A.Moody
1983	J.Nolan, D.Selleck, F.Underwood, A.McKenzie-Smith, W.Kelly, A.Scarff
1984	J.Marshall. A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith, J.Nolan
1985	A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith, J.Marshallk, D.Axellson, R.Barnett
1990	P.Evans, R.Simpson, A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith
1991	J.Nolan, S.Wilson, D.Haycock, A.McKenzie-Smith, H.McKenzie-Smith, J.Castricum



'Flowerfield' Reunion

Tony Scarff, Julian Blackburn, Andrew McKenzie-Smith, Alan Officer, John Ford

CRESTA TROPHY
Healesville

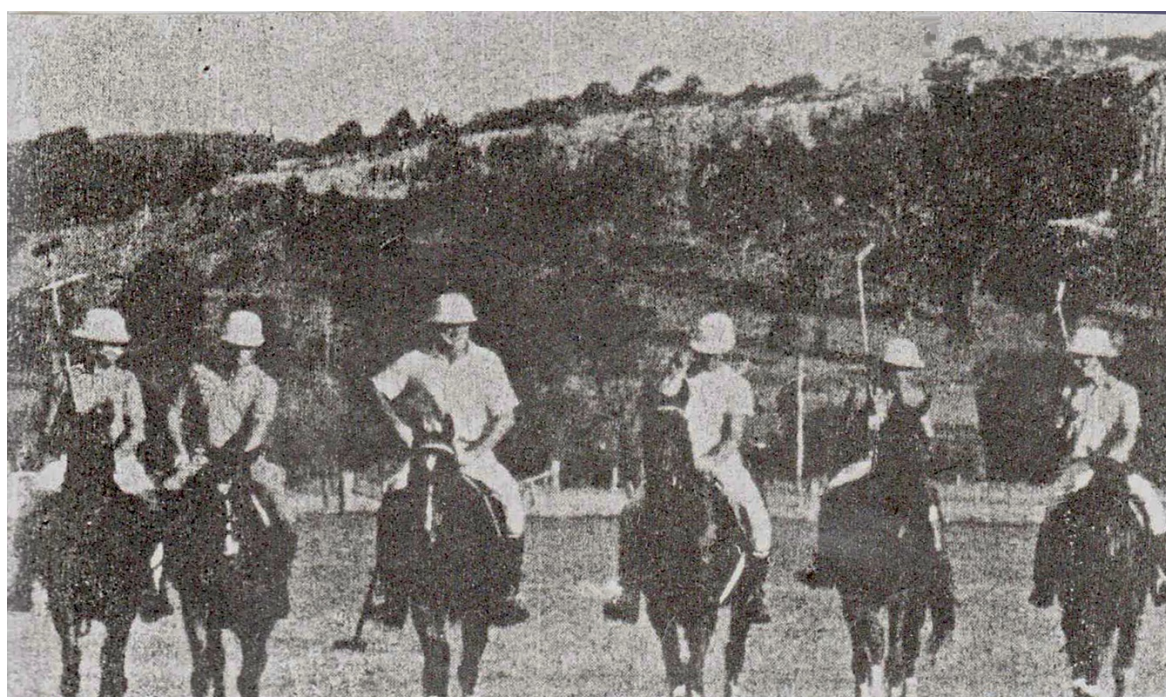
Yarra Glen-Lilydale Polo Club, donated by Mrs. E.M. Hemkes,

1970 Hexham	A.McLachlan, J.Clarke, K.Urquhart, A.Officer
1971 Melbourne Hunt-B	D.Axellson, A.McKenzie-Smith, H.Mckenzie-Smith, J.Cope
1976 Melbourne	R.Cameron-Kennedy, A.Angliss, J.Bradbury, J.Taylor
1975 Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	M.Lind, J.Ford, D.B.Kelly, P.Yunghanns
1977 Melbourne Hunt	E.Copeman, J.Blackburn, H.Molloy, J.Cope
1979 Yarra Glen-Lilydale-B	D.Axellson, H.McKenzie-Smith, A.Jones, J.Balharrry
1981 Cardinia	P.Handley, C.Pearce, J.Halliwell, J.Key

NANCY BYRON-HEATH TROPHY Yarra Glen-Lilydale Polo Club

Miss. Heath of Lilydale donated these and LEGACY polo trophies, 1967 to 1980

1967	H.R.H. Prince Phillip, H.J.Nicholas, J.Ford, K.W.Urquhart
1971 Melbourne Hunt	J.Halliwell, H. Molloy, M.Howes, J.Grimshaw
1972 Yarra Glen-Lilydale-A	J.Goold, A.Angliss, J.Ford, H.Nicholas
1975 Hexham	R.Greig, E.Mann, J.W.Kelly, J.Richardson
1976 Melbourne	J.Key, A.Scarff, J.Patterson, J.Taylor
1977 Hexham-B	C.Abbott, A.Baillieu, J.Officer, J.Richardson
1978 Hexham	C.Abbott, D.Baulch, A.Baillieu, J.Richardson
1981 Hexham-B	K.Glasser, D.Baulch, B.Kelly, K.Kelly
1984 Ballangeich	J.Goold, J.Ford, T.Handley, W.Howey, P.Kelly, G.P.Norris
1985 Yaloak	P.Yunghanns, A.Prabu, P.MacGinley, A.Carrol
1986 Hexham-B	M.MacKinnon, C.Baillieu, E.Mann, M.Boisard
1987 Berwick-B	C.Strachan, R.Thomas, G.White, J.Taylor
1988 Ballan	
1989 Hexham	C.Baillieu, M.MacKinnon, T.Stewart, R.Greig
1991 Harkaway	R.&S.Thomas, D.Johnston, N.Beattie
1992 Langi Willi	W.MacKinnon, S.Mitchell, W.Glennie, H.Studholm
1993 Flowerfield	A.Cust, G.Eddy, P.Angason, D.Axellson
1994 Berwick-B	V.Kavals, B.Dicks, C.Beattie, J.Matthies
1995 Berwick	V.Kavals, G.White, I.Gould, B.Dicks,/M.Ford
1997 Melbourne	L.Jabara, H.Fisher, G.Keyte, J.Pennington
1998 Melbourne	J.Vanner, E.Mann, J.Patterson, W.Alstergren



1969 'Flowerfield'

(right to left) Prince Charles, D. Francis, J. Balharrry, R. Robinson, J. Lithgow and G. Norris

VICTORIAN POLO ASSOCIATION Incorporated FORMATION

The VPA Council meetings' Minutes and any official records prior to the 1890' are 'not to hand'. From press reports researched, I believe that the polo clubs founded in the 1870's and 80's formed the Victorian Polo Association. These comprised CARAMUT, MELBOURNE, CAMPERDOWN, COLAC, GIRGARRE, GEELONG and SKIPTON. Delegates met at Scotts Hotel, Melbourne and elsewhere.

Included in hand-written and other records of pre and early post 1900 polo [presented by a family member Mrs. Prue McKechnie], of a player at that time - Hugh Bullivant, is an 1898 Melbourne press report of the VPA Council election of the Victorian Governor, H.E. Patrick Lord Brassey, as President of the VPA, Vice-Presidents Everard Browne, W.T. Manifold, J. Osborne, H. Strachan and J. Manifold as Honorary Secretary. All these delegates from the affiliated clubs were at this Annual General Meeting.

W.H. [Bill] Cumming in his "HISTORY OF POLO IN THE CARAMUT - HEXHAM AREA" records the players in Western District clubs who competed against Metropolitan and other teams. Bill's chronicle is a valuable source of information about early Victorian polo. Fortunately he forwarded his final Draft to me only a fortnight before his death in December 2013.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Based on the original V.P.A. Constitution, the Certificate of Incorporation lists the Council's basic responsibilities as:-

- To Govern and Organise; Adopt Rules and Regulations in cooperation with the national body;
- Maintain Procedures and requirements of affiliated membership; Supervise and promulgate Registered Players' handicaps; Arrange Insurance policies, in cooperation with the national body
- Issue Guidelines for design of playing areas and facilities with regard to players' and public safety;
- Resolution of Disputes on and off the polo 'Field'; Conduct players and umpires coaching clinics;
- Introduce subsidiary entities to promote and support Polo.

The Victorian Polo Association's Council comprised delegates only of the member clubs until the 1980's when Special Councillors were added to spread the work-loads of various new projects.

WERRIBEE PARK POLO GROUNDS and FACILITIES

Acquired by the Sir Rupert Hamer led government in 1973 for \$1.6m, after consultations at meetings with horse-sports representatives including G.H. Norris, hon. sec. of VPA. and subsequently A.W Scarff and in the longer term by the VPA President C.P. Abbott with A.W. Baillieu as Hon. Grounds Manager with much support from the Premier's, other Departments and Werribee Park staff under Mr. Alex Bain and Mr. Greg Fagan. The polo facilities at the Werribee Park Victorian National Equestrian Centre were leased in partnership with the then named Equestrian Federation of Australia. The VPA Council had sought a metropolitan Centre for polo throughout much of the 20th Century.

Officially- opened in 1996, historic Werribee Park has 380 of the original 37,200 hectares property of brothers Thomas and Andrew Chirnside. A polo ground was included in the late 1870's.

Included now are three polo-fields, cross-country courses, dressage and show-jumping arenas, 'warm-up' areas, an Indoor Riding / Polo Arena and extensive stabling facilities.

The property includes the stately home built by Thomas Chirnside in the 1880's, now a museum, the Mansion Resort Hotel, the Victorian State Rose Garden, the 'Shadowfax' Vineyard and Winery, an Open Range Wild Life Zoo and Werribee Public Golf Course and an administration block.

Since 1875, Melbourne metropolitan polo tournament venues had included Albert Park, Richmond Racecourse, and Kooyong parklands opposite the tennis stadium. The Moonee Valley Racecourse was one of Australia's best metropolitan centres from the 1890's to 1939, hosting the 1926, 1930 and the 1934 Australasian Gold Cups, when the press reported the tournament as "the best conducted in the Nation". After World War 2, the VPA had to decline a turn to host the Gold Cup as no venue was available until 1954; the Victorian Racing Club offered two Grounds at Flemington. Subsequently, the Lithgow family's property "Flowerfield" at Coldstream less than 40 kilometres from the CBD with two Grounds was offered. Since 1952 home to the now Yarra Valley Polo Club and venue for VPA high and low goal tournaments, during the 1960's, '70's and 1980's. The Australasian Gold Cups in 1965, 1969 and 1976 were conducted at "Flowerfield". The 1981 and 1985 Gold Cup tournaments were staged at Werribee Park. Competition for this Cup is restricted now to national teams selected by each country.

The first VPA tournament at Werribee Park was the state championships in 1981, for the Creswick Cup, followed by the Australasian Gold Cup won by N.S.W., and Country Road March International. The two 20 goal handicapped teams were 'Australia', the winner and the 'Commonwealth' for the Chirnside Cup.

Prince Charles competed in the Commonwealth team at the 'Victoria's 150th Anniversary' tournament in November 1985 for the Chirnside Cup. The first Melbourne Cup tournament was a week later.

The 6th World Polo Cup in 2001 was won by Brazil defeating Australia by one goal. Fourteen goal handicapped teams represented the eight competing countries. Bryce Dicks and Stuart Wilson led the management.

High standards in the presentation of the tournaments and in the preparation of the playing surfaces were maintained by the VPA and Victorian Polo Club management teams led by Charles Abbott, Antony Baillieu, Richard Simpson, other councillors and the secretary, Carolyn Young. The Indoor Arena was opened in 1995. The first match on 21st March 1997 when English players competed for the inaugural Epworth [Hospital] Trophy. Werribee Park became home for Victorian polo club players and those of the Melbourne club. The administration office and conference facilities were opened in 1999. Polo tuition enterprises including the Victorian Polo Academy attracted recruits particularly at times when the number of clubs was declining. However, Yaloak after more than 30 years, Yarra Valley since 1952, Melbourne Hunt, Berwick, Merrimu and Whroo clubs continued to introduce new players. The Hexham club probably has contributed most in Victorian numbers and certainly in talent, since 1947, as it had done for many years. VPA approved Sales of polo 'ponies' have featured at Werribee Park.

POLO at Agricultural SHOWS.

In general polo is best watched from a grandstand. The Royal Easter Show in Sydney has an enviable reputation for the audience numbers at the night-time, three-a-side polo tournaments. Two of several factors are the climate and the continuing popularity of the sport in New South Wales country and urban communities. Polo games were staged during the Royal Melbourne Show pre-World War 2. Victoria's first polo under lights was at the 1939 Show, ably managed by Major C.W. Le Plastrier, a VPA Councillor from the Peninsular club. In 1973 an Indian Army team of Majors H.S. and R.S. Sodhi, R.S. Brar and R.K. Mehra competed for the 'David Knox' trophy against NSW-Gil Gil: Sinclair Hill, Sandy Hardcastle, Ross MacGilvray and "The Federals": John Goold, Robert Bell and Jim Gunn.

'Goondawindi' in 1974 and 1975 competed when John White replaced Sinclair against 'Country': Buster Morse, John Goold and Robert Bell and 'Metropolitan': Arthur Angliss John Ford and John Halliwell.

The 1976 polo was the last at the Melbourne Show. Member clubs of the VPA staged exhibition games at other Shows including Berwick, Diamond Creek, Korrumburra, Lilydale and Yarra Glen.

Invited by the Moomba organisers in 1967, the VPA held an exhibition tournament on March 12 & 13 at 'Flinders Park', now the site of the Tennis Centre. The number of spectators was reduced by a "Seekers" concert at the Music Bowl - listed in the Guinness Book of Records as Australia's biggest audience.! The teams were: Queensland- N. Evans, S. Gilmore, N. Telford, K. Kennedy, winners of the Stradbroke Cup, Hexham- J. Clarke, A. Officer, J. Weatherly, K. Urquhart, Yarra Glen-Lilydale- J. Ford H. Nicholas, G. Norris, F. Selman and 'The Hunters'- A. Angliss, H. Molloy, W. Kelly, R. Robinson.

In later years, Moomba tournaments were held at the Yarra Valley and Melbourne Hunt polo clubs.

POLO CLINICS. The VPA helped in the conduct of "schools" at various venues from the 1950's for players' instruction days, team coaching and umpires' refresher courses. These were held by Bob Skene, Sinclair Hill, James Maple-Brown, Ken Austin, Haigh McCann, John W. Kelly, Ken Telford, Greg Ballard and others.

PONY CLUBS and POLO.

In the United Kingdom and the United States particularly, the pony clubs include polo in their activities.

VPA councillors have held film evenings, demonstrations at pony club rallies and introductory games at polo club grounds with limited success. The kindred more simplified and "mixed" sport of Polocrosse had more response post World War 2, although there is a welcome recent surge in the number and skill of young male and, more so, female polo players.

PORTSEA POLO DAYS.

The first Polo day at Portsea was in 1990.

The VPA's role in 1960's and 70's of promoting the game was based in part on re-introducing polo where former clubs had folded. As 'Hon. Sec.' I made contacts with former polo club's families in the Mansfield, other North and Central districts and the Mornington Peninsular including Tuerong Park, Moorooduc where I had competed in the 1953 Peninsular club tournament. All were unsuccessful. My wife Felicity whose family pre and wartime home was 'Mandalay' at Portsea, with memories of playing in the former Quarantine Station grounds, suggested an approach. A documented formal Proposal to the School of Army Health at Norris Barracks incorporating polo as one of ten equestrian sports in the Mornington Peninsular's 1990 "Vic. Health Masters Games", presented with the support of James Cust of the Victorian Polo Club, was approved. The VPC and the VPA jointly staged a highly enjoyable 'Polo Day', with proceeds distributed to district's Air/sea Rescue group and surf-lifesaving club. The Victorian Governor, John Landy presented the trophies. The bayside parade ground surface proved to be ideal for polo. A limit of 2000 spectators was requested.



AWARDS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS of V.P.A. [since 1950]

1952	A.K. Urquhart
1955	Sir George Knox
1956	C.C. Kelly
1964	Sir Alex. Creswick
1966	J.E.F. Mann
1972	F.J. Lithgow
1977	Dr S.A. Sewell
1983	J.W. Kelly
1985	G.H. Norris
1992	C.P. Abbott

F.J. LITHGOW AWARDS

Introduced by the Council of the Victorian Polo Association to commemorate the dedication, guidance generosity and goodwill of the late John Lithgow of 'Flowerfield', Coldstream, in the presentation of VPA Tournament Polo, over forty years.

AWARDEES

1992	- G.H.P. Norris
1993	- Patricia L. White
1994	- Charles P. Abbott
1995	- Gary R. White
1996	- Anthony W. Scarff



John Lithgow leading at 'Flowerfield'



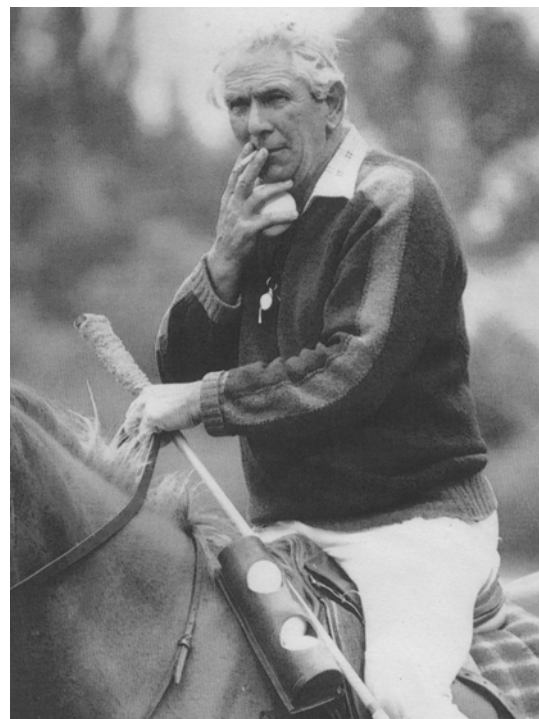
Polo at Flowerfield

PRESIDENTS of the V.P.A			[Club]	HONORARY SECRETARIES			[Club]
1898	H.E. Patrick Lord	Brassey		1898	T.C. Manifold		[Camperdown]
1899	T.C. Manifold		[Camperdown]	1899	J.C. Manifold		[Camperdown]
1903				1903	J. Manifold		[Camperdown]
1922 - 1928	R.A.D. Hood		[Caramut]	1922			
1928 - 1929	John Winter-Irving			1928			
1929 - 1934	John Manifold		[Camperdown]	1929			
1934 - 1946	C.B. Palmer		[Caramut]	1934	H.F. Creswick		
1946 - 1949	A.K. Urquhart		[Caramut]		Ass'nt. N. Wood		[Moonee Valley]
				1935	A.R. Creswick		
1949 - 1956	C.C. Kelly		[Hexham]	1948	J.W. Kelly		[Hexham]
					Ass'nt. H.J. Nicholas		[Melb. Hunt]
1956 -1962	A.R. Creswick		[Melb. Hunt]	1952	H.J. Nicholas		[Melb. Hunt]
					Ass'nt. G.H. Norris		[Yarra G-Lilydale]
1962 - 1969	N.B. Palmer		[Hexham]	1966	G.H. Norris		[Yarra G-Lilydale]
1969 - 1972	F.J. Lithgow		[Yarra G-Lilydale]		Ass'nt. A.W. Scarff		[Yarra G-Lilydale]
1972 - 1983	J.W. Kelly		[Hexham]	1976	A.W. Scarff		[Yarra G-Lilydale]
1983 - 1992	C.P. Abbott		[Hexham]	1990	Mrs. Patricia White		[Berwick]
1992 - 1995	W.H. MacKinnon		[Hexham]	1994	Mrs. Susan Kavalls		[Berwick]
1995 - 1996	J.W. Taylor		[Berwick]				
1996 - 1999	R. Prescott		[Hexham]	1998	D. Barton		
1999 - 2009	S.W. Wilson		[Yarra G-Lilydale]				
2009 - 2011	J.W. Taylor		[Yaloak]				
2011 - 2013	S. Mitchell		[Hexham]				
2013 -	W.J.T. Clarke		[Hexham]				
2018 -	B. McKeegan		[Hexham]				

HONORARY TREASURERS of the V.P.A.

1934	W.S. Cox	[Moonee Valley]
1934/5	H.V. Hiskins	[Moonee Valley]
1946	A.R. Creswick	[Melbourne Hunt]
1948	J.W. Kelly	[Hexham]
1962	H.J. Nicholas	[Melbourne Hunt]
1966	G.H. Norris	[Yarra Glen-Lilydale]
1976	A.W. Scarff	[Yarra Glen-Lilydale]
1979	R. Cameron-Kennedy	[Melbourne]
1988	M.H.C. Baillieu	[Hexham]
1990	G.R. White	[Berwick]
1994	S. Carroll	[Merrimu]
1995	D. Yunghanns	[Yaloak]
1998	M. Mackinnon	[Hexham]
	& N. Korpett	[Hexham]
2011 -	J. Grant	[Yarra Valley]

John W. Kelly
10.7.1925 – 28.11.2004
'Between Chukkas'



VICE-PRESIDENTS of the V.P.A.

1898	Everad Browne	Colac
	J. Osborne	
	W.T. Manifold	Camperdown
	H. Strachan	Geelong
1934	Alister Clarke	Moonee Valley
	W.G. Gooch	Ballarat
1937	Alister Clarke	Moonee Valley
	W.G. Gooch	Ballarat
	A.K. Urquhart	Caramut
	Sir George Knox	Allendale
1939	Major T.H. Rutledge	Mansfield
	A.K. Urquhart	Caramut
1949	J.A. Affleck	Hexham
	H.A. Gardner	Cavendish
	A.K. Urquhart	Caramut
1952	N.B. Palmer	Hexham
	Col. A.H. Gibson	Melbourne
	A.K. Urquhart	Caramut
1955	Dr S.A. Sewell	Melbourne Hunt
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	A.K. Urquhart	Caramut
	N.B. Palmer	Hexham
1956	C.C. Kelly	Hexham
	N.B. Palmer	Hexham
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	H.A. Gardner	Cavendish
1961	N.B. Palmer	Hexham
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	H.A. Gardner	Cavendish
1962	J.E.F. Mann	Hexham
	N.B. Palmer	Hexham
	H.A. Gardner	Cavendish
	F.J. Lithgow	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
1964	C.C. Kelly	Hexham
	N.B. Palmer	Hexham
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	H.A. Gardner	Cavendish
	Col. E.H.B. Neill	Melbourne Hunt
1965	J.E.F. Mann	Hexham
	Dr S.A. Sewell	Melbourne Hunt
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	F.J. Lithgow	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
1971	Dr S.A. Sewell	Melbourne Hunt
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	Col. E.H.B. Neill	Melbourne Hunt

1972	Dr S.A. Sewell	Melbourne Hunt
	W.M. Rule	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	F.J. Lithgow	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	Col. E.H.B. Neill	Melbourne Hunt
1976	G.H. Norris	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	Dr S.A. Sewell	Melbourne Hunt
	H.E. Rundle	Melbourne
	H. Molloy	Melbourne Hunt
	F.J. Lithgow	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
1978	G.H. Norris	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
	H.E. Rundle	Melbourne
	H. Molloy	Melbourne Hunt
1979	G.H. Norris	Yarra Glen-Lilydale
1984	F. Cameron-Kennedy	Melbourne
1985	A.J. Baillieu	Hexham
1989	R.J. Simpson	Victorian PC
1991	W.R. Mackinnon	Hexham
1992	R.J. Simpson	Victorian PC
2013	J. Sampson	

Garry White, Berwick Polo Club, in contest for the ball with Kerry Packer at Werribee Park, 30th Oct, 1993.



photo by Geoff Ampt, courtesy of the Age

A SHORT HISTORY OF POLO IN THE CARAMUT / HEXHAM AREA, 1874 to 1939

[Written by W.H. Cumming at the time of the Centenary of Polo in the District in 1984]

"The idea of this very short history is to add interest to the Centenary Year of the Caramut/Hexham Polo Clubs. It would be quite stupid to attempt a full history in the time available, but given a year or so I think we could put together quite a lengthy story.

Therefore perhaps we could look upon this as being the forerunner of something bigger. I think the easiest way to go about this is to start with the first year that we know polo was played in the district and work our way forward year by year to the present day."

1874

A match was played on Jetty Flat, Warrnambool on August 20th an account appeared in the Warrnambool Standard .The eight players involved were: Thomas St Quintin of the 10th Hussars, John and Henry St. Quintin [his brothers] of ' Dwaroon', Cudgee, O. Palmer, C. Woodward, T. Brown, A. Urquhart of Yangery and A. McKenzie. These eight were joined by G. Ware and W.W. [Paroo] Hood, and later by J. Aitkin. This club was known as Warrnambool and played there for the next eleven years.

1875

November 8th.A match was played between Melbourne and Warrnambool at Albert Park.

The teams consisted of six players each and Melbourne won by one goal.

The Melbourne team included F. York Wolsely [later knighted & Lord Mayor] R. and H. Powers, Mr. Mack, A. Sullivan, and F. Murphy. There was also a Mr. York, who may have been a Sub. or manager.

Warrnambool was represented by O. Palmer, J. and H. St. Quintin, G. Ware, A. McKenzie and W.W. Hood. The umpire was Captain Standish.

1883

The first inter-colonial match was played in May at Adelaide where the Warrnambool team took on Adelaide. One source puts the date at May 8, another at May 11.

Whatever the date the Warrnambool men emerged victorious, 10 goals to 4.

Contemporary reports are inclined to look upon the result as a surprise. Whether this was so or not, the euphoria surrounding the victors on their return knew no bounds.

There was a reception at the Commercial Club in Warrnambool on June 4th and a gentleman by the name of J.S. Stanley wrote a poem which appeared in the Standard. This poem consisted of no less than seventeen flowery verses and we shall come back to it later; but, first the details of the match.

The Adelaide team consisted of Sir Lancelot Stirling, E. Bowman, C.W. Bowman, A.R .Malcolm and J. Hay. Warrnambool: W.W. [Paroo] Hood, H. St. Quintin, J. Aitkin, O. Palmer and G. Ware

I don't know who captained Adelaide, but I imagine by sheer weight of title it would have to be Sir Lancelot. All ten players took part whether all at once or eight at a time with an interchange system is not clear. The Warrnambool scorers were; G Ware 5, W. Hood 2 and one each to Messrs. Palmer, Aitkin and St. Quintin.

Now back to the poem. I don't think we can include all seventeen verses in a short history such as this, but to give some idea of the general drift, I will copy some of the more colourful verses.

Verse 1

Fridays sun was sloping downwards, as the little band appeared,
As the crowd from all its thousands in good humour laughed and cheered.

Verse 2

Cheered them for their very daring, coming from a country town,
To oppose a City's chosen Champions of far-fam'd renown.

Verse 5

Mr. Stanley really lets himself go here.
O, Benign one; Muse of battles, deign Thy presence here I pray,
While I trace the varied phrases, of that ever glorious day.

Verse 11

Riding grandly, striking deftly, Horse and horsemen seemed one,
Ware achieved such wondrous exploits
As before were never done.

Verse 12

And full well his comrades backed him,
Each man making for the brunt,
Sweeping past his vanquished foeman, with the flying orb in front.

Verse 13

Palmer now, and now St. Quintin,
Aitkin then, and straightway Hood,
Scored each man a signal triumph,
And did all that heroes could.

Verse 15

Then was flash'd o'er all the Austral, tidings of the victory grand,
And the prowess of our champions, widely spread through all the land.

For some time Mr. Stanley let it rest at that, but by June 4th his conscience got the better of him and he penned a further two verses in praise of the opposition:

And the noble-hearted foemen, chivalrous as the knights of old,
Grasp'd the hands that had o'ercome them,
With a warm and cordial hold.

Sounded high their victors' praises;
Swelled the chorus of acclaim; And presented them with trophies
To perpetuate their fame.

The trophies were in the form of polo sticks made of solid gold, and were presented by the President of the Adelaide Polo Club, Mr. Barr Smith.

After the flurry of excitement we disappear into the dark ages from 1883 until 1896 when the first of the eras known as "the golden ages of polo" began.

From 1883 to 1896 the only reference to polo of any description in the district was the fact that R.A.D. Hood was captain of the Mortlake Polo Club until its amalgamation with Caramut. No dates are mentioned but it does explain Polo Hill in Mortlake. We hope that this lack of information, during that time, may bring forward some details that could be used in a longer history, at a later date.

Before leaving the teams of the 1870's and 80's it is worth noting how some of the names have been carried on through the years. O. Palmer was the father of C.B. Palmer of 'Dalvui', Noorat a Camperdown player. Angus Urquhart of 'Yangery' was the father of Angus junior who later played at Caramut. W.W. Hood was a brother of R.A.D. Hood, and G. Ware of 'Minjah' had descendants who later played at Caramut.

The St. Quintin family were a history in themselves. The three brothers were members of the very old English family, St. Quintin of 'the Hazels', Cambridgeshire. John and Henry purchased 'Dwaroon', Cudjee in 1870. Thomas returned to Europe as a Colonel with the 10th. Hussars. Henry later went to Africa. John went from 'Dwaroon' to Colac and then to Cue in Western Australia. He later returned to Victoria and died in a private hospital in Melbourne. John owned a book called "Memorable English Duels", which he loved to produce and which invariably fell open at the page dealing with a duel fought in 1815 between St. Quintin and Palmer, both Lieutenant- Colonels with the 10th. Hussars. Nearly a century later two of their descendants were neighbours and close friends at Warrnambool, and both members of that first polo team.

During Race Week in 1894 Adelaide came to Warrnambool for the return match, and defeated the locals 9 - 3. This was greeted with a deathly silence and no poetry at all. The locals wore light green and black. Adelaide wore royal blue, Ware was injured and missed part of the match. Adelaide played three men during his absence.

1894

We have a picture of a Caramut team, consisting of E.R de Little, R.A.D. Hood, W. Armstrong, and J. McArthur.

1895

A photograph dated 1895 shows a line-up of the Caramut and Camperdown teams and the umpire. The teams were: E.R. de Little [Car.], W.J.T. Armstrong [Car], J.C Manifold [Camp], A.S. Chirnside [umpire], R.A. Affleck [Car], R.A.D Hood [Car], W.T .Manifold [Camp], T.P .Manifold [Camp], L .McArthur [Camp]. T.P Manifold was killed in a hunting accident later that year.

1896

The Caramut team consisted of R.A. Affleck, E.R.de Little, R.A.D. Hood and W.A. Armstrong.

From 1894 to 1896 we know they played matches against Camperdown and Colac.

1897

Caramut won the Colac Polo Challenge Cup. The team was R.A.Affleck, E.R. de Little, S.F. Mann and H Osborne.

1898

Caramut lost the Colac Challenge Cup to Camperdown .The Camperdown team was L. McArthur, W.T., J.C. and E. Manifold.

1899

Camperdown repeated its win at Colac with the same team.

At the Melbourne tournament Caramut was represented by: B Ware, E.R. de Little, R.A.D Hood and R.A. Affleck .They were defeated by Camperdown comprising J.C., W.T. and E. Manifold and L McArthur.

1900

Victoria represented by J.C., W.T. and E. Manifold and R.A.D .Hood played in the Camperdown colours. Colac won their own Challenge Cup represented by Everard Browne, James Robertson, George Robertson and Colin Robertson.

1901

Caramut won the Colac Challenge Cup represented by H. Osborne, E.R.de Little, R.A.D. Hood and R.A. Affleck. They defeated Camperdown-A, 4 goals 3 behinds to 2 goals 21 behinds. The Camperdown-A team was J.C., W.T. and E. Manifold and E. McArthur. Other teams competing at Colac were Camperdown B. comprising H. Stansmore, G. Hope, J. Hindhaugh and T. Bailey.

Colac-A comprising E. Browne, J., George and C.P. Robertson. Colac B. comprising; W., O., and J. Winter-Irving and W. Robertson. Oliver Winter-Irving had only one arm, he was the only one-armed player, at least in Victoria.

1901 was a big year; a Victorian team toured New Zealand. Five players went on the tour namely: R.A.D. Hood [Car. Capt.], R.A. Affleck [Car.], Colin Robertson [Colac], George Robertson [Colac] and E. Manifold [Camp]. The tour itinerary and results were as follows:-

Defeated Christchurch 5 - 4, South Island 6 - 4, Wellington 10 - 3, Manawatu 8 - 4.

Lost to Rangitiki 6 - 9. Defeated Orona 1-0, New Zealand 8 - 5, Hawkes Bay 9 - 4

Lost to Orona 3 - 7, New Zealand 3 - 4.

Some comments from the New Zealand press are interesting. After the opening game the locals were cautious, but not overly impressed. Following the second game it was apparently the fact that the Victorians were better mounted. That turned the tide. The scribe attending the Wellington match noted that on foot the visitors did not look especially dangerous, but once mounted, they showed great promise. The Manawatu players were not expected to extend the visitors but did so to some extent. After the loss to Rangitiki, the press were fairly hard on the visitors saying, among other things, "Their sticks were too heavy, and they have a peculiar poking stroke, first to remove the ball from the opponents reach before hitting it."

There was a touch of sour grapes when the Victorians beat the All New Zealand champions - Orona 1 - 0. in what was grudgingly described as a brilliant exhibition of polo.

So to the big one, the first match against NZ., excitement was running high, and all attendance records were broken at Palmerston North. Victoria was represented by Manifold, Hood and the two Robertsons, Affleck was 'fifth man'. Victoria won well, and one local scribe flew into print thus:

"the result of the Polo Match yesterday was a forgone conclusion, for the local team was no more representative of New Zealand or even this locality, than if their names had been picked out of a hat. To be selected in a New Zealand team, one must apparently please a select coterie. It is an absolute farce to say there is any comparison between Mr. A. Southy Baker, for instance and at least two members of the so-called representative team. As to the match itself, there is no doubt that the Victorians played at their best."

A little more of this then;

"Congratulations to Strong for a great game for N.Z.- a fair game from Robinson, although we have seen him better, a very uneven game from Dalrymple."

And then a virulent attack on the unfortunate N. Wilson, as follows;

"The worst failure of the team, as most people expected was N. Wilson who utterly failed to justify his inclusion in the team. It is hoped that there will be more common sense displayed in selecting a team to uphold the honour of the colony in the return match."

After a fairly easy win against Hawkes Bay on a ground described by R.A. Affleck as very poor, the Victorians set off for the final two marches.

First against Orana at Palmerston Bay and then to Wellington for the return against N.Z. The visitors lost both these matches. Honour was satisfied in the final match when NZ. was represented by the victorious Orana team. The reporters had no complaints at all, describing the match as the best seen in years. Later that year at Kooyong, Caramut comprising E. and H. de Little, Ware and Affleck defeated Melbourne comprising E. Fitzgerald, J.T. Lempriere, W. Greene and N. McArthur.

1902

At the Colac tournament, Caramut defeated Camperdown in the Final. Camperdown had W.T, and E. Manifold, J. Hindaugh and H. Stansmore. Caramut comprised E.R. de Little, R.A.D. Hood, R. A. Affleck & H. Osborne. Score 8 goals 9 to 5 goals 17. Later that year Camperdown represented by J.C., W.T. & E. Manifold and E. McArthur defeated Caramut 8 goals 8 to 3 goals 10. The Caramut team being R.A.D. Hood, E.R. de Little, R.A. Affleck and S.F. Mann. At the same tournament Caramut represented by R.A.D. Hood, R.A. Affleck, S.F. Mann and W. Bayles defeated Colac consisting of the three Robertsons and E. Parsons.

After the activity of 1901-02 we once again lapse into a period of relative inactivity during 1903-04 but burst into action in 1905 with a triumphant tour of New South Wales.

1905

The five members of the touring team were E.R. de Little, [car], R.A.D. Hood [car], W.T. Manifold [camp], J.C. Manifold [camp] and R.A. Affleck [car]. They started with two matches in Sydney on their way to Quirindi for the big tournament. In the first Sydney match Affleck, Hood, J.C. Manifold and de Little defeated Sydney; T. Watson, J. Garvin, Dr. Morton and C. Stephen., 11 goals to 2. In the second match Hood, Affleck, W.T. and J.C. Manifold defeated Sydney; T. Watson, Major Dodds, C. Parbury and Dr. Morton 12 goals to 2.

Excitement was running high in the Quirindi district as the locals awaited the arrival of the Victorians, who were to challenge the All N.S.W. Champions, Tamarang. The local paper on June 13 came forth with the following;

"On dancing polo ponies, when barrackers were aglow, with blue and red, Tamarangs and Caramuts met on the field of polo, with great dread.

Swift were Manifold's cronies, quick and very certain, with a flying toe, while Simson's men were waiting, to have a go."

This rather extraordinary piece of prose, plus the fact that Tamarang had administered a severe drubbing to the Victorians two years previously, had the locals in a fairly confident frame of mind.

The result was an anti-climax, and a triumph for the Victorians who ran wild to the tune of 17 goals 18 behinds to 2 goals 5 behinds victory. The teams for this match were;

Victoria- Affleck, Hood, W.T. Manifold and de Little. Tamarang- W.D. Simson, R.J.P. Simson, J. McMaster and J.M. Allison.

The local paper went overboard about the Victorians' performance, tempered only slightly by a reference to the 'Flower of the Liverpool Plains' being tumbled by the bold riders from the 'Cabbage Garden.' On the following Saturday, J.C. Manifold, Hood, W.T. Manifold and de Little soundly thrashed Weetalibah:- McMaster, T. Shepperd, D. Watt and R. Jones, 15 goals to 1. On the Monday they followed it up with what the Quirindi paper referred to as another disastrous defeat for the combined team at the hands of the Australian Champions. The score was 11 goals to 4. This made the almost unbelievable total for the match tournaments of 43 goals for and 4 goals against. The Victorian team for that match was de Little, W.T and J.C. Manifold and Affleck.

'Combined team' -McMaster, Shepperd, W.D. Simson and R. Jones.

On the trip home the tourists defeated Muswellbrook 13 goals to 1, and for good measure cleaned up Sydney 11 goals to 2.

The New South Wales papers were lavish in their praise of this team, calling de Little; 'probably the greatest polo player of that or any other time. Later in this history when we are discussing teams and individuals this particular team will be right up at the top. It must be remembered that Tamarang had won the title of All Australian champions as well as NSW champions.'

The Lindsay Cup was won by Caramut A -R.A.D. Hood, E. R. de Little, W. Bayles and H. de Little, defeating Caramut B.-A. Ross, J. Murray, A. Howell and R. Murray.

1906S

The first match of the season was at Caramut - de Little, Affleck, Hood and Bayles drew with Camperdown representatives - J.C. and W.T. Manifold, J. Hindhaugh and W. Bell.; 8 all.

The following day Caramut; Attiwell, N. Whitehead, K. and R. Urquhart drew with Camperdown; C. B. Palmer, W. Crooke, Jack and Bertie Manifold. This was the first appearance of three players who were later to become famous in the world of polo - Rod and Keith Urquhart and John Manifold.

Later in 1906 Caramut and Girgarre met at Caramut, where the teams were:- Affleck, de Little, R.A. Ross and R. Urquhart. Girgarre - J., W. and O. Winter-Irving and G. Robertson. The score 6 goals 15 to 2 goals 7, in favour of Caramut. In April the Madden Cup tournament was played at Kooyong. The teams and results were: Match 1; Camperdown B.- H. Stansmore, J.C. Manifold, J. Hindaugh and W.J. Curle was defeated by Caramut - Affleck, Bayles, de Little and Ronald Cumming; 6 goals 7 to 7 Goals 6.

This tournament marked the first appearance of Ronald Cumming who was later to leave his mark also on the world of polo. It was at this time that he and the two Urquhart boys put pressure on the older players for a place in the Caramut team.

Match 2.Colac- E. Browne, J. Robertson, H. & C. Robertson defeated Camperdown-A.- E .Manifold, C. B. Palmer, A.J. Staughton and W.H. Bell. Match 3. Geelong - T. and A. Cunningham, H. Watson and J.S.B Orr defeated Girgarre- J., O. & W. Winter-Irving and E. Browne ; 8 goals 17 to 7 goals 11.

Match 4 Caramut - Hood, Bayles, Cumming and de Little defeated Melbourne B.- A. Wrixon, A. Calvert, Lauchlan McKinnon and R. Murray; 12 goals 12 to 2 behinds.

Match 5, Melbourne A.- Alister Clarke, A.N. McArthur, J. T. Lempriere and George Lorimer defeated Lismore - E. Austin, T. Bailey, Alan Currie, and Gordon Chirnside; 13 goals 10 to 7 goals 3.

First semi-final. Caramut defeated Geelong 12 goals 17 to 8 goals 5. Hood was brilliant in this match.

Second semi-final, Colac defeated Melbourne A. 13 goals 16 to 7 goals 4.

Madden Cup final for 1906 was won by Colac 8 goals 18 to Caramut 5 goals 10.

1907

During the years from the 1890's to the first World War , interest in polo reached extraordinary heights, and the match results and reports received the sort of treatment in the press accorded only to football and cricket these days. This period has often been referred to as the "first golden age of polo".

Thus it was in 1907 that two trophies were presented that were battled over for many years to come. The Talbot Cup presented by the Governor of the time, Lord Talbot and the Cumming Cup presented by W.B. Cumming of Mt. Fyans, the father of Ronald Cumming.

The first Talbot Cup winners were H. de Little, W. Bayles, R. Cumming and R. Urquhart of Caramut who defeated Camperdown - E. Manifold, W.M Bell, C.B. Palmer and J. Hindhaugh; 9 goals 6 to 6 goals.

The inaugural Cumming Cup was won by Girgarre - J., O., and W. Winter-Irving and George Robertson. A visiting Sydney team of C. Stephen, J. and D. Garvan and Dr. Morton defeated Caramut - E.R. and H. de Little, R.A. Affleck and R. Urquhart; 8 goals 13 to 6 goals 8.

Colac held their annual tournament at the Hill Ground. Match 1. Girgarre versus Caramut was described in the local press as a great exhibition of polo between eight of the cleverest players in Victoria.

Caramut won a fast and furious match by one goal. For Caramut were E.R. de Little, Hood, Affleck and R. Urquhart and for Girgarre were the three Winter-Irvings and George Robertson. Match 2 Colac- the three Robertsons and E. Browne defeated Camperdown- E. Manifold, A. J. Staughton, C.B. Palmer and J. Hindhaugh; by one goal only, again. Match 3- Caramut won by two goals after Mr. Browne had been struck on the nose. All attempts to stop the bleeding were unsuccessful, so he drove himself into town for treatment. Two junior teams played an exhibition game while he was absent. On his return the match was continued. Mr. Browne was one of the best afield. The final result a win for Caramut by 2 goals.

1908

The Cumming Cup was won by Caramut comprising; Hood, Affleck, de Little and R. Urquhart who defeated the previous year's winners -Girgarre, their 1907 team unchanged also.

In the Madden Cup where 9 teams took part:

Colac -Three Robertsons and E. Browne defeated Caramut - Affleck, Bayles, Cumming and de Little, 8 goals 18 to 5 goals 10. Other teams were; Camperdown-A.- E. Manifold, Palmer, Staughton and Bell.

Camperdown-B. - H. Stanmore, J. Manifold, Hindaugh and Curle. Geelong - Orr, T. and A. Cunningham and Watson. Melbourne - A. Clarke, A.N McArthur, J.T. Lempriere and G. Lorimer.

Girgarre - The three Winter-Irvings and E. Browne. Melbourne-B. -A. Wrixon, A. Calvert, L. McKinnon and R. Murray. Lismore - E. Austin, T. Bailey, A. Currie and G. Chirnside.

The Talbot Cup was played at Kooyong, won by Camperdown-B- E. Manifold, H. Stansmore, A. Reid and T. Bailey. over Colac - E. and C.P. Robertson, A. Calvert and E. Browne; 10 goals to 1.

Other teams in the Talbot cup:-Camperdown-A.- Hindaugh, Palmer, W.T. Manifold and Bell.

Geelong A. - A. and T. Cunningham, Orr and J. Bell. Geelong B. - F. Donaghy, F. Stodart, Neil Calvert and H. Watson. Caramut A.- de Little, Hood, Affleck and Winter. Melbourne - A. Braund, G. Lorimer, R. Murray, Harold Grimwade. Caramut B.- Cumming, Urquhart, Bayles and Ross.

Tournament at Camperdown. In the Final Caramut B.- Hood, Cumming, K. Urquhart and J. Winter defeated Camperdown B- W.T. Manifold, Bell, Hindaugh and L. Cumming; 8 goals 5 to 7 goals 13.

Also competing were Camperdown-A.- E. Manifold, H. Stansore, T. Bailey and A.J. Staughton.

Colac - H. Robertson, Keith Calvert, E. Browne and C. Winter-Irving. Geelong - Stodart, J. Bell, and A. and R. Cunningham.

Later in the year Melbourne Polo Club arranged a tournament at Kooyong. The Opening match was between Melbourne - The Governor-General Lord Denman, Captain Nutting, Alister Clarke and Ernest Bruce, and Caramut - Hood, Cumming, Affleck and G. Chirnside, the latter team won 10 goals to 9. Later a Round Robin series was played.

Team-A. - Captain Nutting, Sir Walter Barttelot, G. Kiddle and G. Lorimer.

Team-B.- H.E. Lord Denman, R. Cumming, R.A.D. Hood and G. Chirnside.

Team-C.-Captain Griffiths, L. McKinnon, J. Lempriere and J. Feehan.

Team-D.-Affleck, E. Bruce, A. Clarke and R. Power.

The Final was won by the Team B over Team D.,-score 4 goals to 1.

Even though we have come across some interesting new names in that last tournament, we seem to be getting slightly bogged down with names and statistics.

To relieve the monotony it may be an idea to look at some of the newspaper reports of the time - not all to do with polo.

At that time most clubs held a polo Gymkhana, usually in conjunction with the tournament.

1909

In 1909 Camperdown took a giant step forward and allowed ladies to take part, in their own events, of course. The following appeared in the Camperdown Chronicle:

"Ladies were active participants in the polo Gymkhana for the first time on Thursday. There is a striking contrast between the lackadaisical Lady Languish of a generation ago, who felt it incumbent upon her to faint at the mere suggestion of anything that called for more energy than needed to wield a fan and the riders who, in approved 'Ted Sloane' fashion, rode desperate finishes on Thursday. Probably the appearance of these dashing equestriennes may be taken as another example of the emancipation of the sex".

[I promise I have not changed a word of this-WBC]

The ladies took part in a bending race and here is the Field :- Miss Marion Manifold, Miss. Kirkpatrick, Miss. Mildred McArthur, Miss. Isla McArthur, Miss. Una Urquhart, Miss. L. Reid, Miss. Phyllis Shaw and Mrs. W. M. Bell. Miss. Reid won from Miss. Una Urquhart and Miss. Marion Manifold. This was such a success that a Ladies Flutter was added to the programme and in a dingdong finish, Miss. Doris Cumming on Mr. Affleck's "Varti" defeated Miss. Reid on "Belle". Cumming riding with the 'Ted Sloane' crouch landed her pony a winner by a head."

The scribes of those days used the most colourful language, none more so than "Off-Side", who wrote for the Hamilton Spectator. This description of the Cumming Cup Final of 1912 sparked off a rather vigorous controversy. He prefaced an article with the following lines;" Hurrah for the thud of the ponies' hooves and the click of the polo ball. A well known Cavalry colonel once said -Give me a regiment of first class polo players and I'll drive the devil out of hell. It happened to be my good fortune to witness a match contested by some of the very men the aforesaid militant would have included in his regiment, and a great battle it was; played at Caramut by Colac against the local team for the Cumming Cup."

Before getting on with his comments on the match he went deeply into the weather- a perfect day. He counted no less than fifty motor cars from a Rolls Royce to a Renault and - tempora mutanta - four buggies. He then lists the crowd a veritable Who's Who of polo names, and finally at three o'clock - on with the battle.

His description of the match was no less colourful than his introductory remarks, but I doubt if it deserves the bucket of cold water poured on him by a gentleman signing himself "Polo Ball", in the following week's Spectator. I am going to include this letter in full.

“Sir, as an old polo player and a spectator of the game in question, I read with great interest ‘Off Side’s’ description of the match at Caramut, for the Cumming Cup. I take it however that your correspondent knows more about journalism than polo. From the description one might be led to believe that the match, which the writer called a battle of giants, was an exhibition of brilliant polo. As an onlooker I cannot altogether agree. I have been a player and have had many opportunities of studying polo, not only in this country but in England and India, and consider that game was lacking not only in brilliancy, but in horsemanship, system, judgement and finesse. Had it not been for the fact that at times one or two of the winning side showed some glimmerings of what we in England call polo, the game would have been extremely uninteresting. I must admit that some of the players were splendidly mounted, in fact it was rather a sad sight to see such excellent material so unskillfully handled. This lack of skill was responsible for the numerous, and unnecessary falls. A typical case was in the fifth chukka when one of the ponies made a slight stumble, and his rider took, what we call in the hunting field - ‘a voluntary’. [‘Off side’ had described this incident as Affleck taking a nasty looking toss, but seeming none the worse, resumed at once. – (These men take their gruelling well – WBC)]. At this point in his letter ‘Polo Ball’ deliberately misquotes poor old ‘Off Side’ by continuing, ‘Truly these ponies take their gruelling well, however there can be no doubt that the players, in spite of the evident inexperience, did their best, and I trust that as good sportsmen, they will take these few comments as fair criticism and in good part, and believe that they are written by one who has the interests of the grand old game at heart. I am, etc. Polo Ball’.

‘Polo Ball’ was answered by ‘Goal Post’ who accused him of jealousy and ignorance among other things, but the answer that carried the most weight and appears to have closed the correspondence was from Ernest de Little; probably the most experienced player in Australia at the time. E.R. de Little had played polo in England, and for six weeks in India. He had been referred to on one occasion as Australia’s greatest player. I don’t know how serious ‘Polo Ball’ was, but to accuse the eight players involved of inexperience and poor horsemanship seemed a bit far fetched. Included in the team were Colin Robertson, who toured New Zealand in 1901, his brother Clive, Everard Browne one of the country’s finest horsemen and Oliver Winter-Irving, a player of great skill and experience, despite his only having one arm. On the Caramut side were those two great veterans of the N.Z. tour and the triumphant tour of N.S.W. in 1905, R.A.D. Hood and R.A. Affleck. To accuse these two of inexperience and poor horsemanship was just a bit much. No wonder E.R. de Little saw red.

In the final of the Cumming Cup the same teams met for the third year in a row. With the score at one each both teams were keen for the break. It was Caramut who came out the winners; 3 goals 8 behinds to 3 goals 3 behinds. In the Caramut team were; R.A.D. Hood, R. Urquhart, Affleck and de Little. The other members were R. Urquhart and R. Cumming and Colac won by two goals. It was the third year in a row that those two teams had met in the final of the Cumming Cup. This match was of course 1912, so now we go back to 1909.

At Camperdown, Caramut were again successful in defeating the locals; 5 goals 12 to 1 goal 3. Caramut - de Little, K. Urquhart, O. Winter-Irving and R. Cumming. Camperdown comprised H.A. Currie, W.T. Manifold, Ernest Cumming and Leslie Cumming.

Just before the Talbot Cup tournament of 1909, another team came into being and from then until the war in 1914, was a power in the land.

Looking back through the Caramut teams it will be seen that three young boys had been alternating in the senior team, with none of them cementing a regular place. The two Urquharts- Roddie and Keith of 'Boonerah' and Ronald Cumming of 'Mt. Fyans'. R.A.D Hood, that doughty veteran saw what was happening, took them under his wing and formed a team with himself as captain with the three youngsters. They played as Caramut B, but became known as "Hood's Pups". They won the Talbot Cup at their first appearance. The Argus commented prior to the final against Colac: "Caramut was the crowd's favourite, for there was a touch of romance in the fact that Mr. R.A.D. Hood, one of the veterans of the game, had stepped out of the A. team to captain, what other polo men called admirably, but not contemptuously "The Pups", and good pups they were too. Bred from polo stock they produced all the traditions of their race, and when Caramut triumphed there were no prouder men in Melbourne than the two fathers, W.B. Cumming and Roderick Urquhart."

Sadly young Rod Urquhart was killed in the 1914-1918 war.

In the 1909 Talbot Cup tournament. Final: Caramut B. - R.A.D. Hood, R. and K. Urquhart and R. Cumming defeated Colac comprising G. and C.P. Robertson, Keith Calvert and W. Winter- Irving. The score was 9 goals 17 to t goals 5. Other teams competing were: Camperdown A. - Palmer, Hindaugh, Staughton and L. Cumming. Camperdown B. - E. Manifold, H. Stansmore, T. Bailey and C. Reid. Caramut-A.-; Affleck, de Little, G Chirnside and J .Winter. Geelong; A. Cunningham, J. Bell, F. Stodard and J. S. B. Orr. Girgarre.; J. O. and C. Winter-Irving and E. Browne. Melbourne;- A. Braund, H.W. Grimwade, E. Bruce and C. A. Lempriere.

1910

The Cumming Cup was again won by Caramut:- Hood, Affleck, de Little and Cumming. The Talbot Cup was played at the Osborne House ground Geelong and won by Caramut A, G Chirnside and Angus Urquhart. Camperdown A.- H. Stansmore, Hindhaugh, W.T. Manifold and Bailey.. Colac :- C.P. Robertson, R.A Ramsay and Neil and Keith Calvert. Melbourne:- A Clarke, G. Lorimer, E. Bruce and C.A. Lempriere. Camperdown B.:- E Manifold, Palmer, Staughton and A. Reid. Geelong :- J.S.B Orr, J. Bell, A. H. Cunningham and T. R. Cunningham. Caramut B. :- de Little, R. and K. Urquhart and Attiwell.

1911

Again Caramut - Hood, Affleck, de Little and R. Urquhart won the Cumming Cup. A Sydney team came south that year and were defeated by Caramut,2 goals10 ,to 1 goal 3 and by Victoria 7 goals 8 to 5 goals 8.In the game against Caramut, Sydney players were; J. Garvan, D. Garvan, L. Wills- Allen and A. White. Caramut; Hood, de Little, R. Urquhart and Affleck. In the match against Victoria the Sydney team had Rome, J. Garvan and the White brothers. Victoria; Affleck, de Little, R Urquhart and R. Cumming.

1912

Colac broke Caramut's hold on the Cumming Cup, beating the defenders by two goals in the match already described earlier by "Off Side". Prior to his comments on this match, "Off Side" strolled the side-lines and jotted down the following names among the crowd.

"W.T. Manifold, Claude Palmer, Barney Mann' in his well turned-out Austin car', Harry Whitehead 'driving a Fiat', Walter Armstrong, W.B. Cumming, the donor of the Cup watching his son Ronald Cumming battling against odds. What would Western District polo be without 'W.B.'

Our old friend, Rod Urquhart acting as goal umpire, with a clinical eye on a scion of the clan; Walter Bayles in a racy looking Hotchkiss, with his charming wife. Alex Ross backing his new Sunbeam into line. Willie Thomson of Corea who reminded me that he occupied the first motor seen on the Caramut polo ground, only eight years ago. Captain Arthur Ritchie of Woodhouse was the pilot on that occasion. The brothers Moffatt, good supporters of the game, Jack Winter who 'pro tem' has given up the game but hopes to don the colours next year. Hosts of others;- Calverts, Purveses, Winter-Irvings, Robertsons, Thornleys, Pennyquicks and McKellars, all critically interested in the game and keen to see the best side win. Not a bad line-up of men and motor cars but where were all the women, except Mrs. Walter Bayles."

At the 1912 Melbourne tournament Hoods Pups' were in action. There was great excitement when they met Caramut A. in the final. The whole thing was far too exciting for the correspondent who wrote the only account to hand. After a lengthy and most colourful account of the match, he failed to give either the score or the result.

Caramut-B-; Hood, R. and K. Urquhart and Cumming. Caramut A-; de Little, Affleck, G. Chirnside and E. Whitehead. Other teams competing were:- Colac A.- Clive, C.P. and O. Winter-Irving. Colac B.-Neil, Keith and Alan Calvert and Everard Browne. Camperdown.-Palmer, Hindaugh, E. and J. Manifold. Melbourne,- J., and Stan Winter-Irving, E. Bruce and G. Robertson The Governor-General's team, - Lord Denman, R. Wilberforce, Captains Nutting and Burnham.

The Bayles Cup was played for at Caramut and won by the local team.- Chirnside, Cumming, de Little and K. Urquhart. I can find no further reference to this cup. Later in 1912 Melbourne held another tournament in which the final was won by Colac - K. and A. Calvert, G. Robertson and E. Browne defeating Caramut - Hood, Attiwell, K. Urquhart and Cumming.

1913

Colac successfully defended the Cumming Cup with a team of Clive, C.P. and G. Robertson and Oliver Winter-Irving.

1914

In April a Victorian team travelled to Adelaide. There were only four in the team which was managed by Mr. C.B. Palmer, an ex-Camperdown player and son of O. Palmer of the 1883 team. In Adelaide the players were R.A.D. Hood, R.A. Affleck, R. Urquhart and Keith Calvert. The first three from Caramut and the latter from Colac. There is a certain sadness reading through this team. The last representative team that I can find the names of R.A.D. Hood and R.A. Affleck; surely two of the greatest players this country has produced. Roddy Urquhart's name fails to appear again as he was killed in the War that started later that year. The fourth member, Keith Calvert moved from Colac to Darlington after the War and played the remainder of his polo for Caramut.

Some of the results from that tour :- In the opening match Adelaide comprising F.H. Downer, H. and G. Law Smith and R.M. Cudmore defeated Victoria;- Hood, Affleck, K. Calvert and K. Urquhart, 7 goals to 2. In the second match the tables were turned. The Victorians defeated Adelaide-G. and H. Law Smith, F. H. Downer and C. Murray 7 goals to 4. In the third match, the Victorians defeated Mt. Crawford- Cyril Murray, Elliot Murray, Eric Murray and R.F. Angus, 8 goals to 3. The final match saw a rather jaded Victorian team go down to Adelaide - two Law Smiths, Downer and Cudmore, 10 goals to 3. The gentleman who wrote up these matches for the Adelaide papers used the nom de plume "Round and About". I naturally have no idea who he was or just how great was his knowledge of the game, but he took it upon himself to write a small piece on each player.

Of the Victorians he said: "Calvert has some fast ponies and his ability to hit the ball under all sorts of conditions aids him to fill No. 1 with success. Urquhart was much more prominent than formally and though hardly a born No.2, he has a good idea of the duties of that important place, Hood at No.3 was cool, crafty and calculating and has that instinctive faculty which brings him to the right place at the right time. There were, however, odd and infrequent occasions when both he and Urquhart should have been nearer their No.1. In Affleck, Victoria has a Back who has played consistently well. His backhandlers have about them a sweetness and crispness which makes them a joy, he is a most attractive player to watch."

Sadly this brings us to the end of an era. War broke out soon after this tour and polo went into recess

1922

As far as I can ascertain got under way again in 1922, when Caramut triumphed in the first post-war Cumming Cup. The team was-R. Cumming, K. Urquhart, K. and N. Calvert. The Calvert brothers had both moved from the Colac area, Keith to Terrinallum South and Neil to Hopkins Hill, and so became regular Caramut players. The same team won the [Colac] Challenge Cup and a team playing as Caramut C. won the Moonee Valley Cup. This team marked the appearance of two players who were to figure prominently over the next decade or so- namely C.C .Kelly and J. E. de Little. They were teamed with two players who we had referred to on a few pages before as "Pups", but would now almost come into the veteran category - K. Urquhart and R. Cumming.

1923

Caramut again took out the Cumming Cup with two older players in Cumming and K. Calvert and two players bearing very old polo names but a look at the change in initials will show them both to be very young players, both sons of famous Caramut team members of years gone by - J. E. de Little and James Affleck. They defeated Camperdown - R. Brisbane, J. and T.C. Manifold and W. Winter-Irving. That year the Victorian team went to Adelaide to compete in the Barr Smith and Melrose Cups.

The visit caused much excitement and a certain amount of sentimental interest as it was exactly forty years after the first Victorian team visit in 1883. Mr. C. B. Palmer was again the manager. It will be remembered that he managed the 1914 team in Adelaide, and his father had played in the team of 1883. The other five members were : R. Cumming, K. Urquhart, James Affleck, John Manifold and Keith Calvert.. Manifold, Affleck, Urquhart and Cumming won the Barr Smith cup, 10 goals to 4 beating Adelaide- R.M. Cudmore, G. and H. Law Smith and Hugh Crawford. The same team was beaten in the Melrose Cup, 9 goals to 6 by Adelaide, who replaced H. Law Smith with H. J. Noonan.

On the Monday, the following appeared in an Adelaide paper: "Browsing about the other day I ran across an account of a match in Adelaide between South Australia and Victoria forty years ago." Then is given the names of the 1883 teams and the results and points out that the manager of the present team Mr. Claude Palmer was a son of a 1883 Victorian player and that one of the 1883 Victorian supporters, a Mr. Stanley had written a poem ,of which he quotes five of the original seventeen verses. He points out that the donor of the trophy was the father of the 1923 Adelaide club president, Mr. Barr Smith. He continues "In the process of browsing, the browser became infected with the germ 'Cacoethes scribed', and the trouble culminated in this."

"1923...So history repeats itself and at this Eastertide
Claude Palmer and his lovely wife brought o'er another side.

With Cumming of the mighty swipe and Urquhart of the smile
They'd Adelaide thinking hard upon their vigour and their style

With Affleck who at No.2 was nothing if not bold
While Camperdown had to be thanked for Blessings Manifold.

And Keith Calvert, poor Keith Calvert through keeping off the pitch
Got a kind of funny trouble, they called the "fifth man's itch".

They played again on Saturday and I would make it plain
Whatever happens, win or lose, we want them here again."

On the team's return, the four team members who played in the matches purchased a tiny cup, which they had inscribed and presented to Keith Calvert. The inscription read, "To Keith Calvert 1923, from Cumming, Affleck, Urquhart and Manifold".

His son still has this cup.

In 1923, Caramut won their local tournament, defeating Camperdown by 3 goals to nil. The Caramut team -Cumming, K. Calvert, J. E. de Little and W.R Armstrong. That last name ensured the continuation of the name Armstrong in polo, W.R. or as he was far better known, 'Boy' Armstrong, played on and off for Caramut and Hexham for some years. The Camperdown team - J. and T.C Manifold, J. Stansmore and I. Black. J. Stansmore made his first appearance for Camperdown that year. His father Harry had been a player for many years.

At the Camperdown tournament Caramut-B came out winners over Caramut-A in a tense final; 5 goals to 4. They had beaten Camperdown-A. 7 goals to 1 on the way to the final, The teams were - Caramut-B.- James Affleck, Angus and K. Urquhart and C.C. Kelly. Caramut-A.- Cumming, K. Calvert, J.E. de Little and W.R. Armstrong. Camperdown-A. - O. Winter-Irving, A.J. Staughton, J. Stansmore and R. Brisbane.

1924

A Victorian team again headed for Adelaide to do battle for the Barr Smith and Melrose cups.

They met with limited success, being beaten by Mt. Crawford A. in the final of the Barr Smith and disappearing in the early rounds of the Melrose. The Victorians - J. Manifold, K. Urquhart, R. Cumming and O. Winter-Irving, on the way to the final of the Barr Smith met the 'Wanderers' a N.S.W. team comprising D.W Gibson, N. Allen, A. White and A. Horden, and Adelaide - R.M. Cudmore, C.G. Law Smith, M.J. Noonan and Hugh Crawford. The winning team Mt. Crawford included- R.F. Angus, J. Elliot Murray, Eric and Cyril Murray. The 'Wanderers' won the Melrose Cup.

The 1924 Cumming up was won by Caramut - K. Urquhart, J. Affleck, Angus Urquhart and R. Cumming.

At the Camperdown tournament the same Caramut players defeated Camperdown-B.- Brisbane, Staughton, J. Stansmore and C.B. Palmer, 8 goals to 6. Other teams at that tournament were ; Moonee Valley - Pitt Rivers, G. Armstrong, McDonald and Byrne. Camperdown-A.- J Manifold, C.P Robertson, T.C Manifold and O. Winter-Irving. Caramut-B.- W.R. Armstrong, C.C. Kelly, D. Moffat and K. Calvert. It has been brought to my notice that prior to the 1939-45 war, there is never a reference to an individual's handicap. This is a pity as it means we have no idea of the handicaps of the 'greats' of the past.

1925

The Cumming Cup stayed at Caramut and remained until 1937, the last year it was played for.

The 1925 winning team comprised - J.E. de Little, J. Affleck, K. Calvert and R. Cumming.

They also won the Camperdown tournament defeating Camperdown-A - T.C. Manifold, C.P. Robertson, J. Manifold and O. Winter-Irving.

Other teams being: Caramut-B - D. Moffat, Stan Winter-Irving, A. Urquhart and C. Whitehead. Camperdown-B - C.B.. Palmer, A.J. Staughton, J. Stansmore and R. Brisbane. Carranballac - J.V. Fairbairn, E. Austin, H. Byrne, G. Hindaugh. Melbourne - H. Byrne, G. Hindaugh, G.N. Armstrong and Seymour.

In 1925 the Moffat Cup was played at Caramut. It was won by Caramut who defeated Camperdown-B. by 15 goals to 12. For Caramut were R. Cumming, N. Calvert, D. Moffat and Stan Irving; for Camperdown-B - were Palmer Staughton, Brisbane and J. Stansmore.

Other teams competing were; Caramut-B - K. Calvert, J. Affleck, J.E. de Little, and C. Whitehead.

Caramut-C - K. Urquhart, C Robertson, W. Armstrong and A. Urquhart.

Camperdown-A - O. Winter-Irving, C.P. Robertson, J. and T.C. Manifold.

Carranballoc -G. Chirside, E. Austin, C.O. Fairbairn and A. Calvert.

The first Australasian Gold Cup tournament was staged in 1925. The Hon. R.T. Melrose and Mr. Anthony Horden presented the Cup for competition annually between the states and New Zealand. South Australia defeated N.S.W. in Sydney. South Australia- R.F. Angus, C.G. Law Smith, E.M. and J.C. Murray. Victoria- John Manifold, K. Urquhart, T.C. Manifold and R. Cumming [Capt.] won the beaten teams' final.

In 1925 at Birkalla, South Australia, no fewer than 15 teams did battle for the Barr Smith, Melrose and Cudmore Cups. Mt. Crawford- R.F. Angus, J. Elliot, Eric and Cyril Murray won the Barr Smith.

Caramut - J. Affleck, J. de Little, K. Urquhart and R. Cumming won the Melrose and Moonee Valley - G.N. Armstrong, J.L. Byrne, D. Moffat and J.V. Fairbairn won the Cudmore Cup.

Other teams were: Camperdown - John Manifold, Stan and O. Winter-Irving, T.C. Manifold.

Adelaide-A - C.T. Bray, C.G. Law Smith, F.E. Barrit and H. Crawford.

The Wanderers, [N.S.W.] - B. Bell, J.F. White, R. Bell and A. Horden,

Adelaide-B - R.M. and D.C. Cudmore, M.J Noonan and A.W. Porter.

Mt. Crawford B- J.K. Angus, Ross Lillecrap, R.N. Keynes and J. Keynes.

Clare-A - Nash, F.C.C. Featherstonhaugh, F. Chomley and K.C. Colley.

Clare-B - G.S. Hawker, J.M.S. Chomley, O.V. Roberts and A.J. Melrose.

Strathalbyn - G. Donaldson, Cyril Tucker, W. Richardson and Lionel Tucker

Adelaide-C - Anderson, R.J. Evans, J.M. Irwin and E.P. Patterson.

Adelaide-D - A. Tenant, G.A. Ruddle, A.C. Lucas and W.B. Hogarth.

Kapunda - M.G. Smith, W. Ross, H. Moody and J.G. Roberts.

Mid - North - E.C. Carter, W.E. Cook, F.S. Humphries and R.H. Cook.

Small wonder that 1925 was known as the peak of the second 'Golden Age'.

In this year another Caramut lad returned from Cambridge and started a career in polo that was to make him one of the all time greats. J.E.F. [Jim] Mann and his close friend and relation, Jack de Little had started knocking a polo ball around the paddocks when they were boys prior to the 1914-18 war. They began on bicycles and graduated through Shetland ponies to the real thing.

Twenty-nine years later at the 1954 Gold Cup tournament at Flemington racecourse, one of the best known of the N.S.W. polo players remarked that if an Australian team was picked at that time [1954], the first man chosen would have to be Jim Mann. In 1925 Jim played in the Caramut tournament in a team composed of J. Affleck, Angus Urquhart, W.R. Armstrong and himself. Later in the Carranballoc tournament he played with Neil Calvert, Bill Armstrong and Colin Whitehead

1926

The Australasian Gold Cup tournament was played at Moonee Valley and the final caused a great deal of excitement as it was played between Victoria-A comprising Caramut's - C.C. Kelly, A.K. Urquhart, J. Affleck and R. Cumming who defeated the Victorian B. team [represented by Camperdown- John Manifold, H.C. Robertson, T.C. Manifold and O. Winter-Irving], in a real cliff-hanger, 6 goals to 5.

The Cumming Cup was again taken out by with the same team as in 1925 - J.E. de Little, J. Affleck, K. Urquhart and R. Cumming. At the Caramut tournament there seemed to be a shortage of players as some of them appeared in more than one team, and R.A. Affleck came out of retirement to play. There were in fact only two clubs represented - Caramut and Camperdown. At the Carranballoc tournament only three teams competed: Caramut - W.R. Cumming, Neil Calvert, J. de Little and J. Mann; Carranballoc - G. Chirnside, J. Fairbairn, E. Austin and Alan Calvert..

The third team was a composite one of Claude Palmer, N.B. Palmer, Clive Robertson and H.F. [Harry] Creswick.

Information about the late twenties is sketchy and interest in polo seemed to be waning.

1927

A team from Adelaide and one from the Riverina took part in the 1927 Caramut tournament. For the Riverina - Neville Armytage, Curtis Skene, Les Faulkner and Bob Landale. Adelaide - Porter, Barrit, Bray and Cudmore. Caramu-A was the winner - J. de Little, J. Affleck, K. Urquhart and R. Cumming. Caramut-B -was J. Mann, Neil Calvert, D. Moffat and K. Calvert.

At Adelaide, the Riverina beat Camperdown in the final of the 1927 Stradbroke Cup.

This cup was first played for in 1922, and won by Caramut. Adelaide won it in 1923.

The winner in both 1924 and 1925 was Camperdown, Mt. Crawford triumphed in 1926.

As mentioned earlier interest in the District seemed to be waning. The only team to represent the area in the Barr Smith and Melrose Cups in Adelaide [Birkalla] was one calling itself Old Geelong Grammarians - R.H. Landale, J. Mann, C.C. Kelly and J. V. Fairbairn, who played in orange colours. At the Camperdown tournament that year, representing Peterborough, for the only time were W.R. Cumming, Foster Rutledge, Angus Urquhart and Stan Winter-Irving. No record of their achievements.

1928

The Camperdown tournament was won by Caramut - K. Calvert, K. Urquhart, J. Affleck and R. Cumming. The latter ended his long polo career which started in 1906 at this tournament. His old team-mate Keith Urquhart continued as a player for nearly another decade. The Cumming Cup was not played for in 1928. The Caramut tournament had to be postponed at the halfway mark due to continuous rain and thus a waterlogged ground. It was completed at Camperdown. The 1928 Stradbroke Cup was won by Harden, [N.S.W.].

1929

Little polo was played. Caramut - Kelly, Urquhart, de Little and Mann won the Cumming Cup.

1930

Several small tournaments were held and the same 1929 Caramut team won the Cumming Cup. Polo in the District went into recess at the end of 1930.

1935

In January of this year the Caramut team of 1930 got together and organized a day's polo on the Hexham racecourse. The old firm of Kelly, de Little, Urquhart and Mann continued to play also the following were present [as well as the four Caramut men] J. Allen, A. Coy, R.G. Bryant, N.B. Palmer, Roy Palmer, Geoff and Ken Palmer, John McDonald and W. Armstrong. They were later joined by a veteran ex Camperdown player in J. Hindaugh. J. Affleck played on occasions.

1936

The Caramut team of that time was almost unbeatable - Kelly, de Little, Urquhart and Mann, through the years 1930 to 1939. They won the Cumming Cup in 1936 and 1937, the last year it was played for. While they were carrying all before them, their younger training partners were getting little match play. It was only on the odd occasion when the Caramut four split up and played with the younger players that they gained any experience at all. I believe that it was at the suggestion of Keith Urquhart and C.C. Kelly that four of these younger men formed a team and went to the Stradbroke Cup tournament of 1936. This was the first ever Hexham team and comprised - R.G. Bryant, Jim Allen, John McDonald and N.B. Palmer.

Thus another Palmer took to the field. Neville was the son of C.B. Palmer and grandson of O. Palmer, a member of the 1883 team. This team won the beaten teams' final while the Caramut 'Greats' won the Stradbroke itself. Hexham also fielded a B team in the local tournament - Ian Armstrong, Roy Palmer, Geoff Palmer and Alan Coy.

1937

Hexham - R. G. Bryant, W.R. Armstrong, N.B. Palmer and the veteran Jim Hindhaugh won again, the beaten teams' final of the 1937 Stradbroke tournament.

1938

Although the old firm of Kelly, de Little, Mann and Urquhart continued to play as Victoria at the Gold Cup tournament, they did for the first time join Hexham teams in the local matches. These teams were:- Hexham-A - C.C. Kelly, Neil Calvert, Rod Calvert -his only recorded appearance - and K. Urquhart.

Hexham-B - R. G. Bryant, J. McDonald, J. Mann and A. Coy.

Hexham-C -J. Allen, J.de Little, Roy Palmer and N.B. Palmer.

1939

The Merrang Cup was won by a composite team - A. Coy, J. Affleck, R. Bryant, and J. Mann.

James Affleck apparently agreed at times to play although getting well into the veteran class. At the 1939 Royal Melbourne Show three-a-side polo was staged at night.

Hexham was represented by R. Bryant, Noel Calvert and N.B. Palmer.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, polo went into another recess.

[2013 "That Completes this record. Another era commenced after the Second World War and a record of that time would contain many old polo names. Someone else will have to put that together. I am sure they will."]

Bill Cumming concluded that he had lent copies and photographs for the Hexham Club's 1984 centenary, and "to one of the Ashton family, who was writing a definitive book on Polo in Australia. I never saw this book." Sad to say, Geoffrey Norris.

William Henty Cumming died at Point Lonsdale, Victoria on 1.4.2013. He was born in 1924 into farming in the Western District of Victoria. His family was one of the pioneers of polo as one sees in Bill's writings. He served as a Royal Air Force 12 Squadron Lancaster bomber pilot during the 1939-45 World War.

REVIEWS and RECOLLECTIONS :

TRIBUTES and "THROW-INS" :

As a club player/delegate 1952 to 1979 and member of the VPA council into the '90's, I have memories also at 88 of the sheer FUN of club-team polo, elation more the word after my Hayward Bowl WIN and thrills felt at playing in N.Z. in the 1970's and at Hexham in the '50s when JOHN de LITTLE filled-in for our match. Memories re-sharpened in my "Factotum" role since my club's 2010 renewal. Now the fun of watching age-defying polo by a few older 'new boys' with younger males and 'New-age' talented lady players, confirms some sixty years advocacy of CLUB polo.

TRIBUTES.

Firstly - "To the Ladies". For more than a hundred Polo Seasons in Victoria the wives and friends of players have created a 'world' of Welcoming, open-armed hospitality to visitors during state and club based tournaments. 'The Ladies' have raised substantial funds for charitable causes and support for the players' tournament committees.

The VPA documents record these contributions, inadequately acknowledged, seemingly.

FIRST to bring 'formal' polo to Victoria was Colonel THOMAS St. QUINTIN of the Queen's own 10th Hussars - a polo pioneer of Queen Victoria's empire.!

"A Very Great Polo Pioneer" was the title of his biography published by Osgold Cross.

His own autobiography published a year earlier 1911, "Chances of Sports of Sorts in Five Continents", includes him rowing, racquets, billiards, swimming, cricket, Hunting with hounds, horse racing, pig-sticking as well as polo. With fellow officers he staged the first polo in England in 1869 after reading of polo in Assam and India where his regiment was posted in 1870. He subsequently convened the first inter-regimental tournament. Shortly afterwards he was sent to procure remounts for the cavalry in India from the colonies here. His brothers had acquired a property "Dwaroon" at Cudgee near Warrnambool in 1871 which I believe he visited with mallets and balls, before seeking support of the Governor, Sir George Bowen from whom he received 'the cold shoulder', horsemanship- in a century of the horse, seems not one of his talents. St. Quintin wrote; "Journeying on to NSW the Governor, Sir Hurcules Robinson recognised the merits of polo and gave it his most hearty support."

The earliest published report of polo in Sydney was a game on 15th August, 1874

[In 1969 a VPC member was Major A.T. Heath-The Queens Own Hussars - at Puckapunyal.!]]

A TRIBUTE in appreciation of the meticulous records and comments of player and umpire, of the 1928 Stradbroke Cup and the many matches during the 1920s and 1930s, H.E. [Hugh] BULLIVANT. [Provided by his grand-daughter Mrs. Prue McKechnie]. He was born 1875 at Barwon Park, Winchelsea, later lived at "Yeo" Colac and 'Longrenong' Horsham then moved to Narrandera and Forbes. He died in 1960. [I believe we met in 1953 at the Peninsula Club's tournament: a few Quotations of his, follow, ed.]

1900 Brassey Cup, M.V. "Everad Browne's play throughout the afternoon was meritorious."

1901 Talbot Cup, Geelong. "In the final, the stirring cohesion of the Colac team prevailed."

1909 Talbot Cup, Kooyong. "Calvert's nasty crack stopped the Game and him, useless afterwards."

1927 Stradbroke, M.V. "Riverina's Landale, Falkiner, Skene and Armitage stuck to solid tactics."

TRIBUTES are due now to those PATRONS who fund vastly improved playing facilities, sponsor teams, provide 'Professional' career opportunities for players enabling HIGHER LEVELS of play, and popular FESTIVAL POLO - at national and international levels.

COHESION is the AIM :- PROFESSIONAL with CLUB ; CITY with COUNTRY POLO.

TRIBUTES due and thanks to former Council colleagues Jeremy Bayard, Charles Abbott, Ted Mann and Brigitte MacGinley, The AUSTRALIAN PAST POLO PLAYERS ASSOCIATION is a welcome recent [2013] innovation for the enjoyment of present-day and polo of the 'Past'. These with John Taylor and representatives from other polo states introduced the APF "HALL OF FAME" a great boost to the esprit de corps of the polo community, in 2013 also. The Late Matthew Axellson's "PATCH" is the Victorian listing of 14 "PONIES TO REMEMBER".

The VPA COUNCIL in REVIEW, [post WW 2]
The first Annual Meeting in 1946, six months after V P.-Victory in the Pacific- Day, was held at Moonee Valley Race Club's Melbourne office. President A.K. Urquhart of Hexham called for a 'Minute's Silence', as a tribute to J.R. Featherstonhaugh, a Cavendish player-'Killed in Action' and to councillors C.B. Palmer of Caramut club, former president of the VPA and the Australian Polo Council and A.P.S. Wood of the Melbourne Hunt polo club. Delegates from Ballarat, Caramut, Hexham, Mansfield and Peninsula were present. Resolutions; Access to a metropolitan Ground to be sought- the Mentone and Sandown racecourses were under consideration. A Minute of Appreciation was recorded for the dedication by Mrs. Vera McKenzie of Mr. Creswick's office for her years of service to the VPA in the 1930's and '40's.

The 1950's.
The Australasian Gold Cup in 1954, the first in Victoria since 1934, won by N.Z., [6 goals to Victoria's 3 goals], was held courtesy of the VRC at Flemington racecourse. Hexham, Melbourne Hunt, Cavendish, Yarra Glen- Lilydale and Peninsula clubs competed for minor trophies. Brigadier Ronald Irving was the Tournament Manager. A Victoria Polo Club arranged social and other activities. Club's VPA affiliation was three guineas i.e. about \$6.30. A list of umpiring guidelines was circulated. The Calcutta polo club extended an invitation to Victoria - 'acceptance deferred'. The president and honorary secretary, C.C. Kelly and A.R. Creswick, were elected to the same offices respectively on the Australian Polo Council. Saddle knee-pads' depth was limited to 2 inches i.e. 5 cms. Confirmation from Hurlingham that the height of polo ponies be unlimited.

The 1960's.
Four chukka matches were sanctioned for 'lesser' tournaments: Penalty 5b.-a free hit from the centre of the ground was adopted: Dr. Sam Sewell secured re-affiliation after some sixty years of the historic Melbourne polo club, at Oaklands Junction: An invitation for a 27 goal handicap Argentine team was extended: The 1965, 1969 and 1976 Australasian Gold Cups were at the Lithgow family's 'Flowerfield', Coldstream: Tournaments' manager was Geoffrey Norris: Sinclair Hill, Jim Maple-Brown and Anto White held polo clinics and Franz Maringer conducted Riding Courses at Coldstream: Melbourne's Moomba festival included polo in Flinders Park, now the Tennis Centre site, teams -Queensland ;N. Evans, S. Gilmore, N. Telford, K. Kennedy: Hexham- J. Clarke, A. Officer, J Weatherly, K. Urquhart: "The Hunters"- A. Angliss, H. Molloy, W. Kelly, R. Robinson Yarra Glen-Lilydale - J. Ford, H. Nicholas, G.H. Norris and F. Selman, competed. Congratulations were sent to Sinclair as playing captain of the England team in international Tournaments: "Flowerfield' hosted Prince Charles in weekly games over three months ,while he was at 'Timbertop' and Prince Phillip in 1966 and '67 matches when a house-guest: John W. Kelly succeeded John Lithgow as VPA president: Meetings of Metropolitan resident players were convened by Randall Cameron-Kennedy, Roger Robinson and Tony Scarff. These advocated more coaching clinics, better co-ordination of tournament dates with interstate fixtures and a metropolitan located centre for polo as VPA priorities before offering assistance to the affiliated clubs. A sub-committee of A. Scarff, A. Angliss and A. Jones was formed.

The 1970's

The president John Kelly in his eloquent 1972 Annual Report recorded these and other aspirations of the polo fraternity. They were soon met almost completely when the Sir Rupert Hamer Government purchased Werribee Park as the Victorian National Equestrian Centre with a large area for polo. The Sports Department's initial planning group included the VPA's Hon. Sec., Geoffrey Norris, then the first developments for the VPA were guided by Tony Scarff. Charles Abbott led the Council's team in creating the polo facilities, for which Antony Baillieu was a key Councillor, particularly for the playing surfaces and layout of the grounds, presentations of tournaments, attraction of substantial sponsorships required in a National Equestrian Centre and negotiations of leasing agreements with the relevant Government bodies and the EFA. Involved, also were Abbott, Baillieu, Ted Mann and, for the first time Special councillors, in John Goold, Richard Simpson and Arthur Angliss. The administrative and secretarial servicing for most of the projects were the responsibility of Carolyn Young. [Carolyn served more than ten years in these roles.] The club delegates were; John Kelly and Ted Mann for Hexham, John Lithgow and Geoffrey Norris for Yarra Glen- Lilydale, Dr. Sam Sewell and John Taylor for Melbourne, John Halliwell and Hayden Molloy for Melbourne Hunt.

The CENTENARY of polo in Melbourne was celebrated by a 1975 Royal Show tournament. Horse breast-plates were made compulsory in polo. 'Metrics' were adopted by Hurlingham. In 1975, VPA president John Kelly and Hon. Secretary Geoffrey Norris were elected to the same positions on the Australian Polo Council for which Norris produced a first APC. 'magazine', funded by the Dalgety Pastoral company, and sales of copies. Early sponsors of polo coaching clinics were Rothmans and Dunhill companies, the latter also sponsored a three states visit by a N.Z. team including Hexham and Flowerfield; Bob Skene and Ken Austin held players clinics. Following a ban on tobacco advertising, the Victorian departments of the Premier and Sport granted funds to the VPA for these activities. The Commonwealth Sports Dept. also supported special projects, including inter-state teams' travel. Roger Robinson gained affiliation for Wandoo club. A list of accredited umpires was drawn-up.

The 1980's

New clubs affiliated were BERWICK formed and represented by Gary White and John Taylor. Cardinia club proposed by Howard Lister and Tony Hanley for affiliation as the Melbourne Club Ground was no longer available. Mrs. Estelle Jones presented a memorial trophy to her husband Tony a popular player killed in a road accident while exercising pre polo season. Charles Abbott succeeded John Kelly as president. He presented a three year draft plan for Victorian polo. The secretariat moved to 104 Collins Street. Resolved that state teams contain Victorians with a minimum of one goal handicap. A new constitution was prepared. Pat MacGinley of Yaloak conducted coaching programs. Antony Baillieu was elected VPA Polo Captain and Geoffrey Norris honorary Archivist. The Country Road annual tournaments at Werribee Park were introduced through Steve Bennet, managing director. The 1985/86 Season was widely nominated as the most successful to date, It was highlighted by the Participation of HRH Prince Charles in the Chirnside Cup competition on the "Victoria's 150th Year Anniversary Day" and the introduction of the Melbourne Cup week and the VPA March International tournaments. Donations were made to the 'Riding For The Disabled.'

The VICTORIAN POLO CLUB created by the Council led by James Cust and Nicholas Lloyd was a continuing success story with hundreds of members, popular "Socials", buoyant funding in support of Polo and inclusion of a playing membership, and based at Werribee Park. The International Polo Associations [F E I P] chose Melbourne for the 1999 Annual Meeting of senior administrators and a tournament - two delegates and two Australians comprised each team. Argentina, Colombia, England, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Pakistan, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, U.S.A. and Zimbabwe. The VPA and VPC were joint hosts. Charles Abbott and Angus MacLachlan were elected Australian delegates. Peter Yunghanns also held the position. Appointment of sports management firms reduced the Council's workloads.

However resulting from an economic downturn with reduced sponsorships and increased operating costs the VPA was fortunate in that Mrs. Pat White and husband, Gary offered to work as honorary secretary and treasurer respectively while Mrs. Susan Drever volunteered to be the Victorian Polo Club Honorary secretary. Contributions by clubs and individual members also were received. The first meeting of the Victorian Horse Council was attended. The VPA donated Tournament Proceeds to the Riding for the Disabled.

The 1990's

Proposed and prepared by Geoffrey Norris and presented with James Cust of the VPC, a documented submission for a charity Portsea Polo Day on the Norris Barracks parade ground was accepted by the School of Army Health near Point Nepean, as part of the Masters' Games.

All proceeds to Portsea Surf Lifesaving and the Peninsula Air/Sea Rescue Services.

E.A.[Ted] Mann arranged for an Eton College team to play Geelong Grammar 'students' at Flowerfield on 5.4.'92. [players: Eton-C. Walton-Masters, M. Emmerson, O. Ackers-Douglas, D. Baillieu, E. Emmerson. 'G.G.S'-.S. Baillieu, A. Cust, R. Abbott, C. Beattie, T. Clarke]

On the same day as one of the annual matches was staged between the Geebung Polo Club - cattlemen from the Victorian High Country and the Cuff 'n Collar' 'boys' mainly from the Yarra Valley club.

Thanks to Kerry Packer and the Ellerston people, a once in a lifetime 'Must' for many Victorian polo addicts was the 40 goal tournament staged at his complex on the 27th. April 1991.

The APC proposed a national players' insurance scheme and financially supported the production of a history of Australian polo - 'GEEBUNG', Chris Ashton, editor. The VPA was a financial contributor and I was asked to contribute information on Victorian and Tasmanian polo.

The "F.J. Lithgow Award" was introduced to commemorate and acknowledge John's contribution to Victorian and Australian polo from 1952 'to' 91. Charles Abbott resigned as president after ten years and Bill MacKinnon was elected. Gary and Pat White received appreciation from the council for their roles in restoring a healthy financial position. Chukka fees at Werribee Park were reduced. The first Winemakers tournament was played on the weekend following the Melbourne Cup. The Council engaged a Sports Management Group. Requests from clubs for assistance in ground improvement works were tabled. A Moonee Valley Race Club approach to consider a return of polo was investigated however eventually car parking took over the area under consideration. Sales of polo ponies were conducted at Werribee Park, where an Indoor Arena suitable for polo was completed and formally opened on the 7th. October 1995, with a charity evening. The Melbourne polo club-had been re-affiliated through Will Alstergren, who reported that the Epworth Hospital polo 'Opening' Event was an outstanding success. Bill Mackinnon was succeeded by John Taylor as VPA president. The Indian Army's 61st. Cavalry Regiment competed at the 1996 Royal Show. John Taylor resigned and Roger Pescott was elected president while Mrs. Sue Kavals offered to act as Hon. Secretary of the VPA. The clubs were invited to share the secretarial services. Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Charles Abbott. Greg Ballard was designated Grounds Manager.

A polo Academy was conducted by Andrew Hine with Bryce Dicks. The 'Equitana' enterprise extended 'Gratitude' for the VPA players' support. Stuart Wilson was elected president of the Council.

A restructure of the council's operations was adopted containing a Charter of Responsibilities; viz. Polo Operations : Finance : Sponsorship : Marketing : Strategy and Development : Werribee Park Inc. : Discipline and Grievance : Victorian Polo Club / Membership.

The above REVIEW of VICTORIA'S POLO is to remind readers of the challenges successfully met by some of the Victorian VOLUNTEERS, known of, mostly during my time. Nowadays the knowledge and skills of experienced professional people are available to administer polo for the optimum enjoyment of players, families and friends.

TRIBUTES: Honorary VPA tournament officials included; TIMEKEEPERS/SCORERS- Ian and Alma Tod, both elected VPC Life-Members. Ian and Mrs. Starling, Bev de Silva and Maria Treslawski: Honorary DOCTORS; Sam Sewell, Philip Zlatnick, John Simpson and Brendan Crockett: Honorary VETERINARY SURGEONS; Richard Cust, Ian Church, G. Tudge and J. Venner.

TRIBUTES:

Members of the VPA / Council CLUB

ABBOTT, Charles P.	Hexham	One of the first Special members of Council: updated the Constitution: during 10 years presidency led the Council's negotiations, developments of the Grounds and Facilities, presentations of International and National tournaments, and overall management of polo operations for the VPA as co-lessee of the Werribee Park Equestrian Centre: Former President of the Australian Polo Council and currently of the Australian Past Polo Players' Association Australian Ambassador/Delegate to F.E.I.P.1989 -Hon. Life Member of the VPA, 1992 - F.J. Lithgow Award, 1995 Australian Commonwealth Sports Medal Award. Mrs .Anne Abbott gave outstanding support to the Council. Their sons, Robert and James are prominent players
BAILLIEU, Antony	Hexham	Has given generously of his time and knowledge over many years to the creation of the best possible playing surfaces on the polo grounds at Werribee Park and in on-going management and increasing attraction of the venue to the public and international teams alike. Brother Charles is a former player, son Jack [Ruki] is one of Australia's highest handicapped players.
BAYARD, Jeremy	Yarra Glen-Lilydale	Founder secretary of the Australian Polo Federation's "Hall Of Fame" committee. A very successful Fund-Raiser for the VPA and at club level. A tournament Manager and Events organizer over many years. He was an instigator of annual "Geebung" versus 'Cuff and Collar' matches, ie. Mountain Cattlemen of the Victorian High Country and Players from his club, at Mt. Hotham or "Flowerfield", Yarra Valley.

BENNETT, Steve	Berwick	The VPA has a great deal to thank him for he enabled the presentation of the successful 'Country Road' Annual tournaments with his firm's Fashion Parades, a feature at half-time in finals' matches the series was the first of the Werribee polo fixtures to attract wide public support. He was host and one of the Berwick Club's key members on and off the field.
CAMERON-KENNEDY, Randall	Melbourne	A meticulous administrator, he was an asset in his work on council as an hon. treasurer, as vice-president and as convenor of player/s meetings towards improving communications in the sport. Mrs. Catherine C.-K. was the only registered lady player in the metropolitan clubs during the 1960's and 1970's.
CLARKE, W.J. Tim	Hexham	Serving as president of the VPA as I write [2014]. Tim has inherited one of the major challenges in the management of Victorian polo, the restructure of the Australian Polo Council as a Federation. Designed to contain insurances and other costs, and to improve communications eg. on-field play, fixture dates, et alia. Hopefully he can help maintain harmony while Australia seeks firstly to rival international standards of play and presentations of polo. Secondly to 'encourage' clubs. Father Jim was one of the Hexham stalwarts upholding the club's 100+ years reputation for top teams. Tim's grandmother Joan coordinated sideline umpires, including his mother Susan, for Australasian Gold Cup tournaments at 'Flowerfield', pre 'Boards', inter alia.
CONROY, Jim	Merrimu	Jim founded the Merrimu club in 1990 and as a councillor arranged inter-club tournaments and pony sales at Werribee Park; awarded an OAM for services to Cattle Breeding and Polo, in 2015.
CRESWICK, A.R. [Sir]	Melbourne Hunt	Alec continued his family's supporting roles to the VPA through the third generation. He provided office-servicing while honorary secretary for the council before and after as an office-bearer of the VRC and the RASV, he facilitated the staging of the 1954 Gold Cup at Flemington and at the Melbourne Show Polo. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Creswick were key members involved in the Moonee Valley Polo Club's 1934 presentation of the Melbourne Centenary Tournament. He was VPA Secretary '35-'48; President, '56-62; Life Member.
DICKS, Bryce	Victorian Polo Club	Bryce was the right man in the right place to help develop the Polo tuition and organise the Victorian polo club's role at Werribee Park, but his life was cut short at 47, sadly. Also he had been supervisor of polo at the "Mingela' complex near Malmsbury and associated with Yaloak. He was a popular and respected player and umpire.

GOOLD, John, W.C. Hexham

John's personality and career pre-polo resulted in an almost unrivalled impact on Victorians' awareness of our sport from the 1970's for very many years. His introduction to polo was at 'Flowerfield' where he vowed to gain a yearly increase of a goal in his handicap, and with his mentor, Sinclair Hill's inculcations, he certainly reached his goals and from 1975, in the group of Special councillors developing higher standards in Victorian teams and in the playing facilities and organization at Werribee Park tournaments.

KELLY, Darren B Yarra Valley

Darren's playing seasons stretched from 1953 to 2014. He was a club VPA delegate 'on and off' as workloads rose. In 2013 the Kellys of 'Kellybrook', a club team, had his son, Philip -club captain, grandson Oscar and himself- president.

KELLY, John W.K. Hexham

Mr & Mrs C.C. Kelly

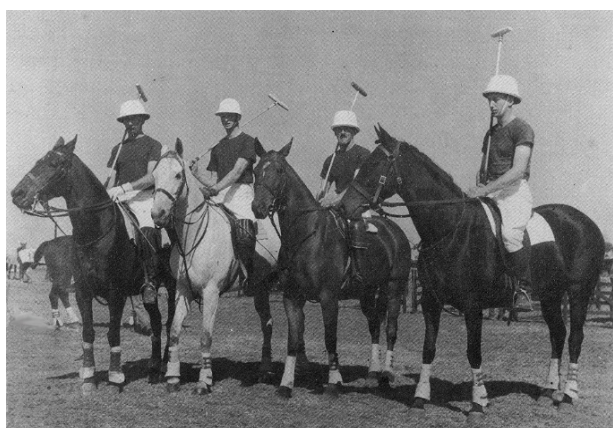


Hexham Club, 1956
Yarra Valley players,
*F. Selman, R. Benson,
J. Lithgow, G.H. Norris*

John was an outstanding councillor. A Mediator, leader and an embodiment of sportsmanship. Hon. Secretary - 1948-53, President- 1972-83. Life Member, 1983 Aust. Council Pres. After losing the 1954 Gold Cup Final by 2 goals to N.Z., he won twice, once with younger brother J.A. [Jim] in 1955. His older brother, Colin though born a 'left-hander' was a Hexham-A team player. Their father C.C.(Charles) was VPA President 1946-49 and of the APC 1959-61. His Caramut Team were virtually national champions in 1920's -30's. He was awarded the Gallantry Cross during WW 1 in France. John's mother, Gwendolen [Ging] nee Affleck was a doyen of Western District polo hostesses. Kim, Robert with Rob Greig were another generation of Kelly family players.

KNOX, David W. Melbourne Hunt

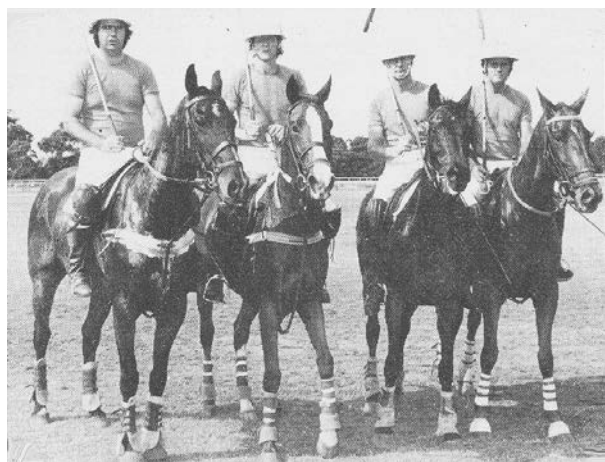
A staunch club player until injured in 1958 at 'Boonerah', Hexham playing against my Y'Valley team. 'Knoxy' was active in tournament management including as a highly informative P. A. commentator. He was Master of the Melbourne Hunt. In WW2.he was transferred as a Light Horse Officer to the 6th.Div.Cavalry Commandos in the Middle East and Greece. He was a Victorian E.F.A founder.



The 1954 Victorian Gold Cup Team

*J.W. Kelly on Kitty, W. Weatherly on Tango,
J.E.F. Mann on Rainbird, J.A. Kelly on Black Bess*

LITHGOW, F. John	Yarra Glen Lilydale [now Yarra Valley]	VPA president 1969-72 and office-bearer for almost 35 years. His property Flowerfield's polo grounds gave the VPA a metropolitan tournament venue including Gold Cups, inter-state championships and club polo from 1952. He was universally respected for his leadership, hands-on support and generous hospitality. He played until a heavy fall and broken wrist in 1960. A VPA Life Member in 1972, then in 1992, VPA council chose the "F.J. Lithgow Awards" to commemorate his contribution to Victoria's polo. Mrs. Elizabeth L. was elected a Vic. Polo Club Life Member. His daughters Julie and Amanda are very active club committee members of Y'Valley polo club.
MANN, E.A. [Ted]	Hexham	Ted gives much of his time and wise advice at club and Council levels, a club-man having long term overseas and interstate tournament playing experience, he as others do, strives for beneficial developments of clubs, new or old with the impact of professional skilled players. He is a successful polo pony breeder who prepared ponies for Prince Charles in 1977. He is on the "Hall of Fame" Selection and APA. committees. Father, Ian was a Caramut player. Uncle, Jim is a LEGENDARY player. He was a councillor intermittently from the 1930's. Richard and John Mann played in the 1960's and 1970's.
NICHOLAS, Hilton J.	Melbourne Hunt & Yarra Glen Lilydale	As a Melb. Hunt delegate on council after WW 2, RAAF duty he was hon. assistant secretary/treasurer to John Kelly from 1948 and succeeded him in '66. He facilitated imports of English polo balls, maintained liaison with Hurlingham and as a Playing member of The Guards club at Windsor Park encouraged overseas players to visit Victoria. He captained the state team in an A'sian Gold Cup.
PALMER, Neville B.	Hexham	He was VPA president from 1962 to '69 as his father Claude B. Palmer had been, 1934 to 1946. Octavius Palmer, his grandfather, competed at Warrnambool in Victoria's first polo match, 1874. Neville was a 'Quiet Achiever' and coordinator of club's players and supporters contributions in staging the 1961 Gold Cup and other tournaments when he and Mrs. Beth Palmer were generous hosts at Dalvui and at many polo tournaments. Hexham introduced a Palmer Cup competition in 1950.



Victoria 1973
Australasian Gold Cup Tournament,
J. Ford, J. Goold, A. Officer (Capt), J. Haliwell.

PATTERSON, John	Hexham	John's polo career is inspirational. In 1988 at Werribee Park a Goal post collision as he hit the winning goal for Hexham proved to be death defying - he had a broken neck including several vertebrae. After eighteen months, six in hospital, playing again. As a councillor John was a special projects manager - involving players, ponies or whatever. His polo began in the '60's school age with his father and then, mentor Sinclair Hill. He won the Aust. Gold Cup in 1985. With his wife Sally he bred ponies and held schools for players, near Geelong.
ROBINSON, Roger M.	Melbourne Hunt	Roger convened a meeting to renew the Melbourne Hunt Polo club at Cranbourne in 1964. As a councillor he helped invigorate metropolitan polo. Due to drought conditions in 1968, players shared 'Flowerfield' on alternate days. The club was then invited to the family property "Wandoo" in 1984.
RUNDLE, H. Eric	Melbourne	He was a long-term council office-bearer - as a vice-president and hon. treasurer during the 1970's and 80's. Eric was Master of the Oaklands Hunt. In 1988 he was killed when hunting - greatly, missed in polo; in the EFA as vice-president and as a 25 years delegate of the F.E.I.P. A highly respected solicitor, he played in 60's and 70's.
SCARFF, A. [Tony] W.	Melbourne & Yarra Glen Lilydale	He credits inter-state matches at 'Flowerfield', seen in the early 60's, as the start of his addiction. Tony proved to be a key member of the council particularly during the '60s, 70's and 80's, as delegate of Melb. Hunt then Y.G.-L. He led the VPA's staging of the first fixtures at Werribee Park. Tony gave of his time and office resources while in secretarial positions, 1976-'83. A most valuable Councillor.
SEWELL, S. [Sam] A.	Melbourne Hunt & Melbourne	Dr Sam was one of the most 'interesting' councillors. A player with Melbourne Hunt in the '30s, '40s and '50s, he resurrected the Melbourne club in 1961. He was a vice-president in 1955, '65, '71 and '76. His Sewells of Melbourne team had sons David, Simon, Tony Teare-Sewell and himself at back [where at, aged 70 plus, he was making his mark as a slow, sure backhander] His somewhat younger brother, Dr Bill Sewell of Mornington, was a player also.
SIMPSON, Richard	Berwick & Yarra Glen Lilydale	He played from the 1980's to the 2000's. His contribution to the council was substantial, particularly in securing funds through sponsorships and assistance in the presentation of VPA tournaments and events involving the Victorian Polo Cub. Richard was a vice-president. His father volunteered as Hon. Surgeon at Werribee Park polo.

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TAYLOR, John W.	Melbourne, Berwick & VPC	John played with Melbourne through the 1970's. At the time as a Berwick & VPC. councillor his firm printed, at cost, the Polo Australia magazine compiled by Hon. Sec. Geoffrey Norris to promote the 1975 Gold Cup. Gary White and he founded the Berwick club in 1981, playing at 'Flowerfield'. Subsequently through the support of Carl Strachan, mine host of the Berwick Inn and Steve Bennett, owner of 'Ayre Hill', Berwick the club, acquired a club house and an excellent polo ground. John was president of the VPA in 1995 and 2010 and of the Australian Polo Federation. He advocated the return of 'Flowerfield' polo in 2010.
URQUHART, A. Keith	Caramut & Hexham	Keith was president 1946 to 1949. He was in the Caramut team of 'Champions' in the 1930s. Angus Urquhart played in the first Victorian match at Warrnambool in 1874. Rod Urquhart was an outstanding player in the '20s. Keith W. Urquhart was host to the Hexham club at 'Boonerah' and played with the 'A' team from the 1950's to the 1970s.
WEATHERLY, James	Hexham	James had a long interesting polo career including serious in-play accidents. He had various responsibilities as a councillor- chairman of handicap committees, organising mounts for visiting teams and other VPA tournament roles over some thirty years into the 2000s. His brother Richard played in the 1970s and '80s. Their father W. [Bill], was a councillor in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Pre WW 2, he, John Kelly, Jim Mann and Jack de Little were the Hexham A team.
WHITE, Garry, R	Melbourne & Berwick	Gary began at Oaklands in 1970, then founded Berwick with John Taylor. Sinclair Hill's coaching enabled Berwick to compete for many seasons in high grade polo. Gary's business acumen proved a great boon to the council in the late 1980s particularly when as honorary treasurer he steered the VPA.'s finances through a difficult period and resigned only after leaving a healthy bank account.
WHITE, Patricia, L		Alongside her husband Gary, Pat volunteered to be honorary secretary and introduced a management policy of improved communications with the clubs, the players and the Victoria Polo Club which attracted wider support.
WILSON. J. Stuart		Stuart, as a VPA president during the first decade of this century, has had a demanding role in negotiating leasing arrangements for the polo facilities at Werribee Park. Stuart and Gill played at 'Flowerfield' and at Werribee from the 1980s into the 2000s

YUNGHANNS, Peter

Yaloak

Peter played with the Yarra Glen-Lilydale club in the 1970's. He and his wife Margaret were great supporters on and off the field. Their son David also played. Peter was one of the Special delegates on council when in 1980 he completed the grounds and facilities at his property 'Yaloak', at Ballan providing dedicated playing surfaces, polo schools, pony training and Victoria's first resident Professionals. Peter's active roles in F.E.I.P, as an Ambassador and tournament player overseas brought rewards to polo here.



Wooden Balls Trophy
presentation,
'Flowerfield', 1967

Players behind H.R.H. Prince Philip and Geoffrey Norris
are Keith Urquhart and John Lithgow, both partly hidden,
Jim Clarke and Alan Officer

Promotion of polo in Victoria was boosted greatly by 'visitors' in my time. Included were: Prince Charles while at Timbertop in the 60's and when he competed at Werribee Park in the VPA's Melbourne 150th Tournament in 1985. Prince Philip also, for his polo at 'Flowerfield' and elsewhere in the 1960's. Sinclair Hill's coaching and competing at clubs and at the Royal Melbourne Show was always a draw-card. At Flowerfield on 8.2.1964 we had ABV2 cameras on groundside towers for a direct two hour telecast with after chukka interviews. Kerry Packer created a national polo focal point at Ellerston's 40 goal matches, highlights for Victorian players, supporters and Press. Werribee Park tournaments benefited from his teams' visits. James Ashton remains in my memory as a leader and a quiet achiever of harmony in and promoter of the best in polo. Regular visits by international teams competing at Werribee Park, maintain public awareness.

"A way into polo"

"The best thing for the Inside of a man is the Outside of a horse" - how true !

"A 7th birthday present in 1933 from my father, was a pony retired by James Mansbridge [ex British Army in India], following our visit to polo at Cooronwarrabul club on Sir George Knox's property, 'Kent Park', not very far from our home. Dad was in World War 1 Field Artillery. He told me "the horse comes First at Drinking, First at Feeding and First at Bedding-down times". A lead-in to one of polo's great Joys; the harmony between player and pony, in play and in a share of home-life, after the game. This 'Made' pony made me quite adept at hitting tennis balls with several mounted young mates using old golf 'Woods' of our parents. We had a reasonable playing area for our paddock polo and I remember long hours on our horse-drawn 'ride-on' barrel mower, for several years. After a two-year WW2 Navy Stint and other diversions, I convened a group of fellow farmers to start our Yarra Valley polo club. They included John Lithgow of 'Flowerfield' at Coldstream who offered a 'bonzer' paddock boarded by magnificent shade trees. Our coach was Bill Murray Rule, pre-war a team mate of James Mansbridge and of George Armstrong of Coombe Cottage. The latter, the son of Dame Nellie Melba and I believe the first Yarra Valley resident player. We met at our polo at 'Flowerfield' during the 1950's. He played with the Moonee Valley club and in NSW, South Australia, Tasmania, England and elsewhere, in the 1920's and 30's."

"A TRIBUTE to my late wife, Felicity who throughout our nearly 40 year marriage took thousands of phone calls day and night [not easy on a farm] related to operations of our Yarra Valley club, the VPA and/or the APC. Memories of her childhood wartime home, 'Mandalay', brought her to suggest the nearby old Quarantine Station grounds as a site for the successful annual Portsea Polo days. Our now 'around' middle-aged children also contributed to polo, with volunteer commitments either in committee capacities, or social arrangements and as willing [I think !] grooms. Included are my daughters, particularly Anne and Vicki, and my son-in-law Phil Coulter, who devoted very many hours to the presentation of the archives. Polo is the most selfish of games for a family. The only family player still, is our son Geoff, trained by Pat MacGinley at Yaloak, he has competed in England and N.Z. after seasons at Ellerston, Shoalhaven and Tamworth, gaining a handicap of three.

Victorian polo during the 1950's, 60's and 70's was basically club polo at various levels. Many inter-regional club visits were timed to dodge changing bush-fire periods and to minimise interference to farm operations. My 48 years as VPA councillor, included; manager of three Australian Gold Cup tournaments, 7 years a member of the Australian Polo Council, - 4 as hon. sec. with John Kelly as president. My firm's city office and particularly the staff to whom Tributes are due for their efficiency and their great help in cost savings related to VPA meetings, administration and communications.

The 1980's brought necessary expansion of Victorian polo in all levels of skill, public recognition of the sport and concentration of resources in the Werribee Park 'Windfall'. These challenges required professional 'New Blood' to meet the needs for financial sponsorships and presentations of polo at its best. I enjoy having interest still, in our Yarra Valley club, elected as club 'Factotum'.

“Not quite THROW-OUTS“

Elephants

‘When exercising a pony through dense trees beside the now Maroondah Highway in the late 30’s we came suddenly face to face with a large elephant, up-wind and mahoot uptop, bound for Lilydale’s circus site. My left knee remains inadequate after a half mile long bolt, battering trees. Fifty years later I learned of the relative gentility of Elephant polo from Jimmy Edwards, fellow house guest of Lady De La Rue at Ayton Castle. He and a friend were the game’s creators. A name-sake, rotund, be-whiskered ‘professor’ Jimmy Edwards of BBC radio’s “Take It From Here” fame, was a player of both polo and après-polo of my trombone at ‘Flowerfield’ in the ‘70s.

In 1977 as a Board Member of the ‘Friends of the Zoo’, Melbourne, I suggested gifting a Victorian polo pony to the Sultan of Pahang in appreciation of his donation of a three year old Malaysian elephant, BONG SU. John Ford, a prominent player in my club and at state level, was and is a successful supplier and importer with his late father, Frank, of Victorian polo ponies. The exchange was soon completed. BONG SU sired via artificial insemination four calves for Melbourne and one for Sydney Zoo.

Other ‘off-horse’ polo seen includes the Caulfield Grammar boys’ bike polo at a Werribee tournament, but above all, with fellow-farmers on our farm-motor bikes ending our 1950’s and ‘60’s polo seasons, under ‘amended’ rules in dusky last chukkas.’

Rabbits

‘At Werribee Park rabbits were so prolific Victorian Gun Club marksmen and skilled trappers being Karen refugees from Thailand border camps, volunteered in 2013 to help save, at different times of day!, the National Rose Garden and probably areas of the polo grounds, for Parks Victoria.’



‘A Throw In’ by Elizabeth Lithgow.

game umpire Garry White, and the late Matthew Axellson, near the flag at ‘Flowerfield’, 21st February, 1999.

THE SPIRIT of POLO.

Polo of Spirit and Spirited Polo

Complementary or Controversial

Somewhere between the haunting Spectres of A.B. Patterson's spirited Geebung players of 1893 and the present-day "Winners at all Cost" is the Easter-time home and away series of matches between a 21st. Century GEEBUNG CLUB of Victorian High Country cattlemen at 'Dinner Plain', Mt. Hotham and CUFF 'n' COLLAR Boys of the Yarra Valley club at 'Flowerfield', Coldstream.

In 1997 one of the latter team players the late Steve Coridas recorded a description of the 10th Anniversary contest. His playing mates were Jeremy Bayard, instigator of the series, Jim Castricum, also a dab hand or mouth at stirring crowds over P.A., and the late Bryce Dicks one of Nature's fiercest gentleman riders. Geebung had Ken, Joe, Sean and Ricky. To Quote Steve: "The Cuff'n'Collar team were loaned wild and woolly looking steeds, but turned out to be quiet trail-riding types. The crowd swelled to an estimated 2800. They were kept entertained by a Mongrel-Dog High-Jump event, Helicopter Joy-Flights, "Parra-Shooting" Displays !, Whip-cracking, a Tug- of-War, pony rides and horse-racing. The match start time was 1.30 pm. and went for the whole afternoon, chukkas were of 30 minutes with an hour between. Extra time-off was allowed when planes had to land on the field. Geebung scored first so the crowd got really stirred-up. Jeremy copped a WHACK on the nose in retaliation for a heavy 'Ride-off'. Geebung scored 4 to Cuff'n'Collar's 14. All proceeds went to the Mountain Rescue Equipment Fund." [Spirited Club, Polo. ed.]

A measure, I believe of the Spirit of Polo is of players' ATTITUDES, to others in their and opposing teams, to umpires and referees, by some to their mounts and lastly lessening respect for the rules. A measure of the changes in these attitudes could be to compare the growing numbers of rules and regulations on and off areas of play, for safeguarding players, grooms, ponies, umpires and spectators. Of course, another factor is the faster pace of polo on better fields by many more skilled players.

The attitude of 'win at all cost' is sharpened by the 'incentive' loaded rewards.

Geoffrey Norris



John Maitland, Hugh MacLachlan,
Keith Urquhart, Alan Officer.

South Australia winning the
1969 Australasian Gold Cup,
at 'Flowerfield', Coldstream

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