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WIRRAGULLA
POLO CLUB DUNGOG

NEWSLETTER

From the Presidents' Desk

The 2010 polo season has come and gone for the Wirragulla Polo Club, and a new polo season is well under way. With the 2011 season upon us, the club and your committee look forward to the challenges which lay ahead. Following the Club's Annual General Meeting which took place in Dungog on 11th April 2011 our President Jim Martin decided to step down, after a four year term as President of the Club. Throughout his period as President Jim and his wife Sueanne, devoted countless hours of their time to the affairs of the Club. As a result of their hard work and fine leadership, the Club moves forward with confidence and is well prepared for the 2011 polo season.

In Jim's place as President, Mr Jaime Mackay was nominated and elected as the new President of the Club. Sueanne Martin has kindly offered to stay on as secretary, whilst Jim will assist as a committee member. Mr Charles Hooke of Wirragulla is once again elected as our Patron. The newly elected Vice Presidents of the Club are Beau Blundell and Keith Osborne.

At the AGM of the NSW Polo Association in November 2010 Beau was also elected to their Board of Directors and has the position of Director For Player Development-North.

The President and committee look forward to our next polo event which will be held at the Tabbil Creek ground on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd October 2011. We seek your support as members and friends to help make this event a success. Once again we will be aiding the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service as our selected charity.

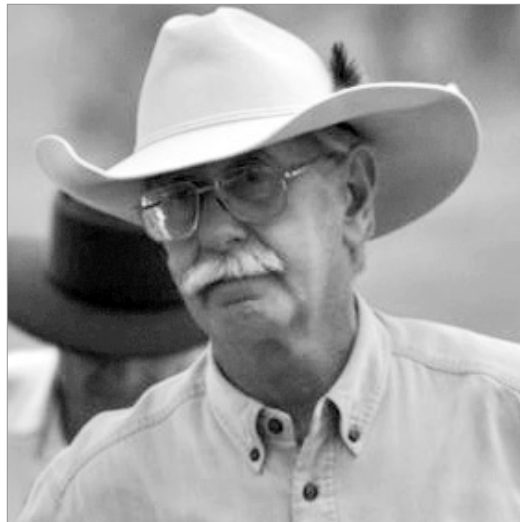
In order to make the tournament a financial success the Club requires substantial sponsorship to help cover costs. In previous years the Club has been fortunate to have the generous support of many business houses who see the Wirragulla Polo Club weekend as an exciting corporate entertaining venue and they continue to support us : Prydes' EasiFeed, PRD Nation Wide, Barrington Veterinary Group, Timberline Builtsmart, Radio KO FM, The Newcastle Herald, Dungog Chronicle, The Land, Maitland Mutual, Tulloch Wines,



Jaime Mackay, President and Jim Martin, past President



Beau Blundell, Vice President



Keith Osborne, Vice President

Myne Signs & Engraving, Tabbil Forest Design. We also thank the many companies who generously donated raffle prizes.

The Club is able to offer corporate packages at various levels of financial commitment which offer great value for money over the two days of polo. Please speak to Sueanne, 4938 9242, if you think you are able to assist in any way.

Finally our all important membership which is the backbone of our Club. We need your support and we need for it to grow. If you have friends who would like to become members please let us know and membership forms can be forwarded to them (can also be found at the end of the newsletter). They can be assured of great fun and friendship to one of Australia's oldest polo clubs.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you on our weekend 22nd and 23rd October 2011.

Jaime Mackay, President

Prydes' EasiFeed, Hunter Polo Challenge 2010

Wirragulla Polo Club's Annual Tournament was held on October 23 and 24, 2010. Eight teams entered, all eager to win some of the prestigious trophies on offer.

The ground was in really good condition for fast, true polo and the committee had all the marquees in place together with some excellent catering from Lillies and Limes.

Saturday saw the ground looking colourful, with sponsors' signs everywhere and a good crowd arriving through the gate which was looked after by the Ladies of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Dungog Support Group.

The polo on Saturday was of the standard usually seen in finals with some enthusiastic games giving the crowd displays of horsemanship and polo skills. By the end of the day the Wirragulla Club had reason to be pleased with the day's efforts, being victorious in both the A and B Grades and putting them in the finals on Sunday.

Saturday 23rd results

B Grade, Scone def Quirindi B (5-3)
Wirragulla B def Sledmere (9-1 1/2)

A Grade, Timor A def Quirindi A (4-2)
Wirragulla A def Foxtan (5-2 1/2)

Teams

Foxtan – Martin Gostelow, Scott McCreery, Nico Galindo (Capt), Phil Marhene.

Quirindi A – Malcolm Purshouse, Mike McKechnie (Capt), George Hill, Angus Scott.

Quirindi B – Toby Scales, Angus James, James Hockey, Rob Doolin (Capt).

Wirragulla A – Royston Murphy, Tim Phillan, Nick Clague, Jock Mackay (Capt).

Wirragulla B – Catriona Murphy, Beau Blundell (Capt), Nick Clague, Andrew Badgery.

Score – Jeremy Metcalf, Al Stafford, Kirsty Sullivan (Capt), David Ross.

Sledmere – James Simson, Steve Wildman, Ben Osborne (Capt), Jack McCallough.

Timor – Bernard Cuskelly, Cole Aguirre, Anthony Garcia (Capt), Ben Simm.

The dinner on Saturday night was enjoyed by many with the crowd entertained by (Muz) Murray Hartin the renowned bush storyteller. Generously arranged by Richard Jones, CEO of Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service who was also present. The live band and Tulloch wines saw people enjoy themselves well into the night. Unfortunately the early hours of Sunday saw a change in the weather pattern over Dungog that was to intensify. After much consultation between committee and players it was really disappointing to have to declare the ground too dangerous for play.

2010/2011 Club Players Highlights

The Club welcomes new playing member Marty Leacy and from the UK Nick Clague (2 goals) whose international experience is appreciated by both team members and spectators. Players from the Wirragulla Polo Club have shown their enthusiasm and dedication to the sport by playing in all the tournaments mentioned below.

2010 Tournaments

Tamarang – Andrew Badgery played in the winning B Grade team. North Star def Wirragulla (Beau Blundell, Martin Gostelow, Royston and Catriona Murphy).

Score – Wirragulla A (Jock Mackay, Beau Blundell, Royston and Catriona Murphy) were runners up in the B Grade Final.

Timor – B Grade Final Wirragulla def by one goal. Beau Blundell, Nic Clague, Royston and Catriona Murphy.

Sydney Polo Club – Wirragulla won the 4 Goal final. Jock Mackay, Nick Clague, Catriona Murphy, Graham Birrell.



2011 Tournaments

Kilarney – Wirragulla won the 2 Goal Final. Royston and Catriona Murphy, Brodie Donovan, Danny Kerr.

Player Information

Beau Blundell played in the finals of Riverlands 2 Goal, Kilarney 0 Goal and Windsor 2 Goal.

Marty Leacy was successful in the team making the finals of Kurri Burri 2 Goal and 6 Goal games. And likewise for the Windsor 2 Goal League.

Wine Country Polo Carnival 2010

Held at Tatler Vineyard on September 4th with threatening sky and intermittent showers, all games were completed without incident. Four teams, three aside and sponsored by four local vineyards Tatler, Sandalyn, Hungerford Hill and Ballabourneen competed. Wirragulla players Beau Blundell and Andrew Badgery played in the teams for some fast polo on the smaller ground. Unfortunately for the organisers the weather probably kept people away.

Diary dates for 2011

- September, Sunday 4th Wine Country Polo, Lovedale
- **October, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd, Wirragulla Polo Club Annual Tournament Dungog**

For all information on polo you can visit our website: www.wirragullapoloclub.com
NSW Polo Assn. website: www.australianpolo.com.au



Wirragulla Polo Club – Annual Subscriptions 2011

Membership subscriptions are due and payable by July 31st, 2011. Please attach this section with your cheque payable to Wirragulla Polo Club and post to: Wirragulla Polo Club c/- PO Box 15, East Gresford NSW 2311

Membership 2011 \$77.00 (incl. GST) per couple or \$38.50 (incl. GST) per person

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

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Non-playing members of the club receive:

- Complimentary passes to both days of the club's Annual Tournament and free parking. Also free admissions to any other club events held during the year. Includes Wirragulla Wine Country Polo.
- Periodic newsletters each year updating members of Wirragulla Club team results and other Polo happenings.
- \$11.50 of each Membership Subscription goes to supporting the club's insurance premium as required by the NSW Polo Association's insurance underwriter. Your subscription will therefore help materially in enabling Wirragulla to hold its Tournaments and encourage young players.