



# A LEGACY IN THE MAKING

# POLO AFTER DARK 2018

# END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

The first ever Hong Kong Polo Team celebrates 5 years in its legacy of bringing polo back to Hong Kong with Macey & Sons Polo After Dark at CÉ LA VI.



From left to right: Dave Savage, Aron Harilela; Andy Leung, Kwan Lo, Dave Savage, Aron Harilela, Patrick Furlong (CAPT); Dave Savage, President of Hong Kong Polo Team; Jonathan Macey of Macey & Sons; Ifat Hindes; Chevalier Zak Allom, Dave Savage.

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Celebrating the end of the polo season, Polo After Dark this year hosted by CÉ LA VI and welcomed 200 VIP guests, sponsors, as well as both the Hong Kong Polo Team and the Beginners Team. Some of the very distinguished guests included, Aron Harilela and the Gustavo Horacio Luis Fazzari, the Argentine Consul General. On the night, Polo After Dark raised over \$70,000 HKD for Riding for the Disabled Association bringing the total raised to date of nearly \$500,000 HKD.

Key items at auction included a ski holiday at the brand new Snow Dog Village Japan (\$17,000 HKD), Hong Kong Polo Academy polo experience weekend (\$13,500 HKD), a weekend stay with butler service at the new St. Regis Hong Kong (\$17,000 HKD), Kotur Designer Clutch (\$5,000 HKD), a bronze horse figurine (\$6,000 HKD), Longines Masters Hong Kong Grandstand tickets by EEM (\$3,000 HKD) and a rare 17 year old Single Malt Whiskey (\$9,000 HKD).

The Hong Kong Polo Team honoured new players Michael Li (a complete novice at the recent Tianjin Hong Kong Beginners Cup) as Most Valuable Male Player and Jessie Chang as Most Valuable Female Player. Jessie will play as a 'wildcard' substitute in one of the A team tournaments next year.

In terms of next year's matches, the Hong Kong Challenge Cup will be from the 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March at the famous Metro Manila Polo Club owned by the Zobel family, followed by a tournament at the Royal Selangor Polo Club in Kuala Lumpur. Other fixtures to be released early in the New Year.

The team also announced that there will be an upcoming documentary released called 'Polo Field of Dreams' that will be directed and produced by Sadie Kaye. The documentary will follow the journey of the creation of the Hong Kong Polo Club, bringing polo back to Hong Kong and making this magnificent Sport of Kings accessible to all. The team is looking at next year for a Hong Kong Polo Town Club at an iconic location near Sai Kung for riding lessons, polo coaching and Hong Kong Polo Team practice.

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The team wishes to thank all of their sponsors who donated prizes, as well as the Title Sponsor – Macey & Sons – Art, Antiques and Luxury Collectibles and in particular to Jonathan Macey who personally rallied guests to raise over HK\$70,000 for Riding for the Disabled Association. This association teaches children and adults with disabilities to work with and around horses and hopefully learn to ride one day.

The legacy of the team since it was established in 2014 & its bold steps in #togetherbringingpolobacktohk



### Patrick Furlong (CAPT) Hong Kong Polo Team

"What an incredible event! Once again, Polo After Dark 2018 showed that it continues to be a prime platform for polo in Hong Kong. A lot has happened this year, in particular with the Beginners Team. It was a very proud moment for me to see Andrew Leung and Kwan Lo, both of whom I recruited to play with in the Hong Kong Polo Team, really pushing the boundaries and bringing polo the wider audience in Hong Kong. On a more personal basis, I'm keen to provide further support to this by making available Colts Polo & Riding, our new polo & riding school in Singapore, to the next generation of players, children and beginners!"

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### FULL HONG KONG POLO TEAM

Patrick Furlong (CAPT), Argentinean (3g), Awarded 'Polo Player of the Year' by Equestrian Federation

Kwan Lo, Hong Kong born (-1g) Lynly Fong, Singapore & Asia's Best Female Player 2015, Hong Kong born (0g) Raphael le Masne de Chermont, HK PR (0g) Jonathon Gabler, Australian HK PR (0g) Aron Harilela, Hong Kong born (1g) James Bean, South African HK PR (0g)

Russell Tyre, British HK PR (0g) Paul Chow, Hong Kong born (0g) Richard Cameron, Australian born, HK Resident, Reserve (-1g) Justin Lau, Hong Kong born (-2g) Andy Leung, HK PR (-2g)

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### PAST GAME RESULTS

HKPT 4.5 V Malaysia Polo Team 9 | 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Royal Selangor Polo Club, Kuala Lumpur HKPT 4 V Harbour Port Team 5 | 19th – 20th March 2016, Alabang Country Club, Philippines HKPT 6 V Red Bull 10 | 15th – 16th October 2016, Reignwood Hong Kong Challenge Cup, Beijing HKPT 4 V Royal Salute Jeju 0 | 6th – 7th August 2016, Hong Kong Challenge Cup, Jeju Island, Korea HKPT 9 1/2 V Garcha Hotels 9 | 15th – 16th May 2016, Singapore Polo Open 2016, Singapore

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& the 2015 celebration St Regis Polo After Dark 2015: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5QAG7CbFeg

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