

EXHIBITION OF POLO PHOTOGRAPHY & ART

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Polo Club

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Polo Club marked the start of its 2008 Polo season with an Exhibition of Polo Photography & Art, held in the historic Old College at the Academy.



About a hundred guests and players were treated to a selection of fine Sports and Art

Photography, hand made Polo Equipment, and a selection of historic prints and books.

Finca La Chamiza, the Argentine Winery from Mendoza close to the Andes, distributed by World Wine Agencies Ltd launched the 'Sparkling Polo Wine' for Reception drinks in the Wellington Room, also providing a selection of red Malbec, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, and the white grape Torrontes.

Continuing with their sponsorship of the RMAS Polo Club in 2008, provided

hospitality giving a touch of South American flair, which was enjoyed by all.

Polo Manager Barbara Zingg, who organised the event brought together both the modern and competitive element of the game, and its heritage, history and art in an evening that included all Member Polo Players, supporting sponsors and welcoming newcomers people projecting a successful polo season.

Exhibitors were Centaur Photographic, with a selection of classical portraiture and equestrian photography from the Heritage Polo Cup 2006 and 2007.

Especially emphasising on the new direction of Polo Photography with fine art sepia

prints, retouched to reflect an old 1900 picture atmosphere with faded edges.

The representation of the revival of the Sandhurst Polo Club 1885 and Ladies playing Polo in 1912, creating a lifestyle mood of timelessness and communication between rider and pony.

Andy Burgess, of Southwest Polo in Cornwall, a stick maker and carpenter, launched his new 'Heritage Polo Stick Collection', a limited edition especially designed for the event, inspired by 1920 vintage flower motives and pastel coloured cigars and more interesting ideas, like a bottle holder also to be used as bootjack. Soon to be seen on www.heritagepolo.com



Peter Meade, a scientific writer and photographer, showing colourful photos of Polo action shots and personalities, capturing the Sandhurst Officer Cadets during their Polo Sports Afternoons and Tournament Matches.

Peter Dance, the Official Academy Photographer with his images of Sandhurst settings of Old College in the light of the four seasons.

Graham Dennis of Blacklock's Books & Prints brought old Polo Prints in black and white and coloured.

He has the largest range of Polo Books

old and new, 19th & 20th Century Prints & Engravings, programmes, magazines and ephemera.

In the last 10 years, polo at Sandhurst has gone from strength to strength

Successfully winning both leagues of the RMAS Officer Cadet's Team and Captain's Team in the Captain's and Subaltern's Cup at Tidworth.

Players who start their Polo careers at Sandhurst will move on to their regiments and teams, managed under the Combined Services Polo Association.

RMAS Polo Club benefits from one

of the most spectacular and picturesque playing pitches in the country, set within the grounds of the Academy, flanked by Old & New College.

The Academy opens its gates to the public on Heritage Day, this year planned on June 15th 2008, when spectators are welcome to watch the Polo and enjoy the unique atmosphere.

Polo has a long tradition at Sandhurst, which goes back to the 1870s, with Winston Churchill and Prince William amongst its better-known players.

