

**HBL Heritage Polo Cup, 7-8 August  
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst  
Substance as well as style**

Fashion, history and polo collided in spectacular fashion at the fifth anniversary of the HBL Heritage Polo Cup, sponsored by Habib Bank UK. For six nations taking part (see page 48) the dress code was tailored shirts and silk ties specially made by TM Lewin; for two ladies' teams, who played an exhibition match, it was elegant tunics and waistcoats. The weekend was masterminded by the Royal Military Academy's dynamic polo manager Barbara Zingg, whose own background in fashion and interest in history spurred her to start the event in 2006.

Participants began the weekend in style with a visit to the Household Cavalry Museum and a kit handout at TM Lewin's Jermyn Street store, before the draw at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Piccadilly. Supper was at Grange Hotels St Pauls London before players headed back to Pennyhill Park Hotel near Sandhurst. After Saturday's play-offs Zingg staged dinner and a fashion show in the magnificent Indian Army Memorial Room in Old College. Among the girls modeling quirky tweed skirts, shorts, jackets and coats by British label Liberty Freedom was willowy player Charlotte Christodoulou, who was once a catwalk model.

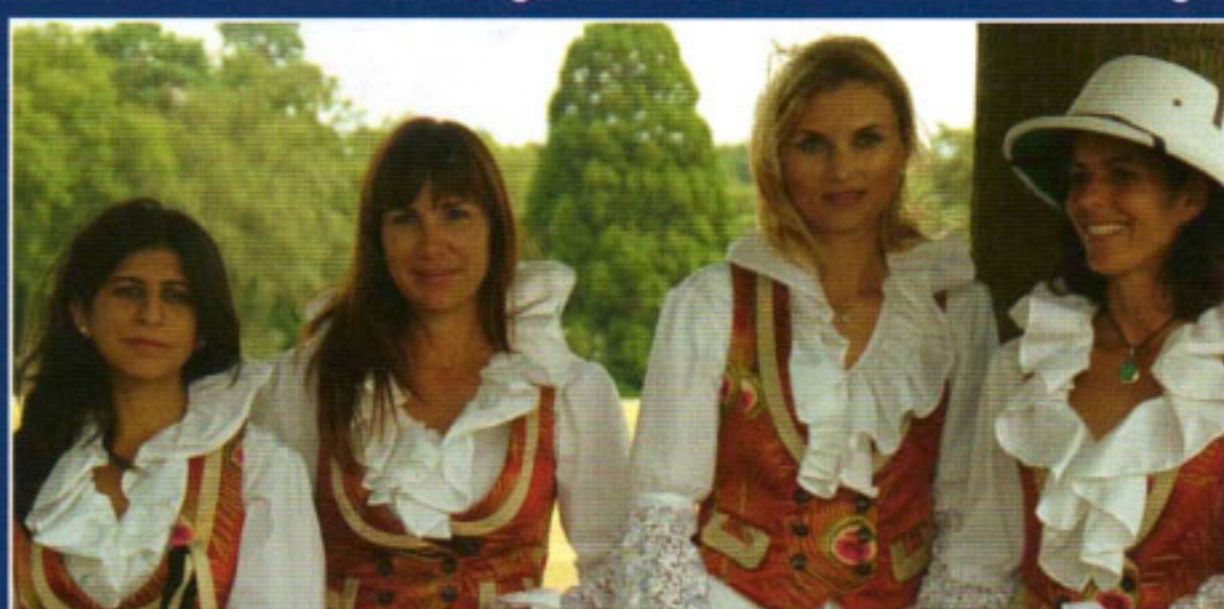
The girls' playing outfits - which they deemed comfy for polo - were made by Liberty Freedom's founder Upender Mehra. The Bolton-based designer, at the event for the first time having been involved since 2006, is offering versions of the outfits for sale. "The girls' costumes have got better over the years because we understand more now what they're for," said Mehra. Zingg herself mounted up side-saddle to umpire the ladies' game, the picture of elegance in a voluminous skirt split to the thigh to reveal leggings and high-heeled black boots.

Playing for Liberty Freedom UK were four British girls, including Maj Lucy Anderson, who learnt at Sandhurst and serves in the Royal Logistics Corps. They faced the international Vanilla Rose, with Swiss Irene Graff, British-based American Allison Robbins, Dubai-based German Cariane Hoffie and one of Pakistan's handful of female players, Mahzna Malik, a lawyer who learnt at Cambridge University and whose grandfather played. In the event the action wasn't quite as competitive as the men's, but when two girls sportingly swapped sides to even things up play livened up, Liberty Freedom winning by just half a goal.

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USA Destination of Polo Virginia's side. Adrian Wade is on the right



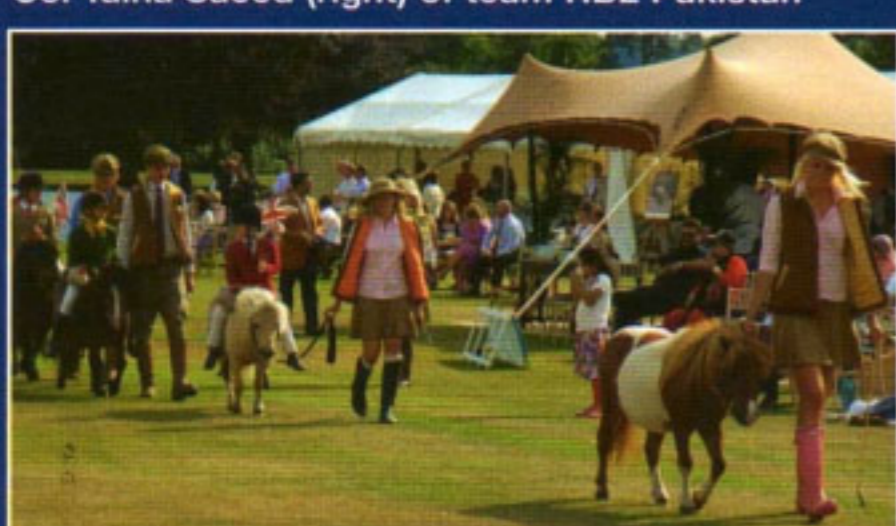
L-r: Mahzna Malik, Irene Graff, Cariane Hoffie and Allison Robbins



The winning EFG British Army Officers (l-r): Robert Mehm, OCdt White, Capt Eyre-Brook and Gaston Devrient with EFG's Keith Gapp



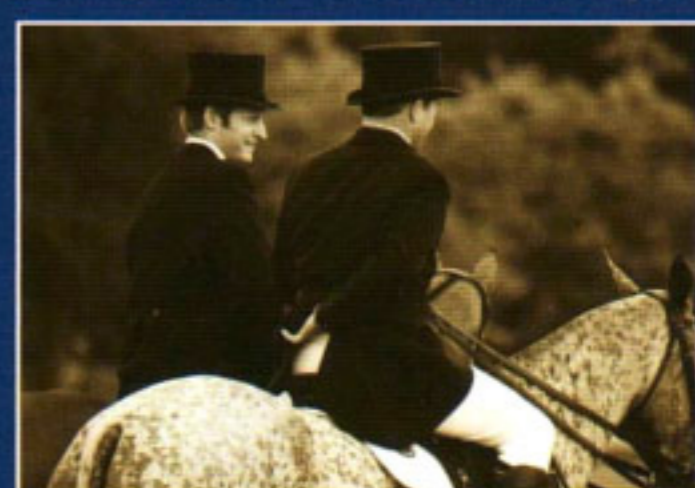
Col Talha Saeed (right) of team HBL Pakistan



The parade of Shetland Pony Club ponies



Organiser Barbara Zingg makes an entrance

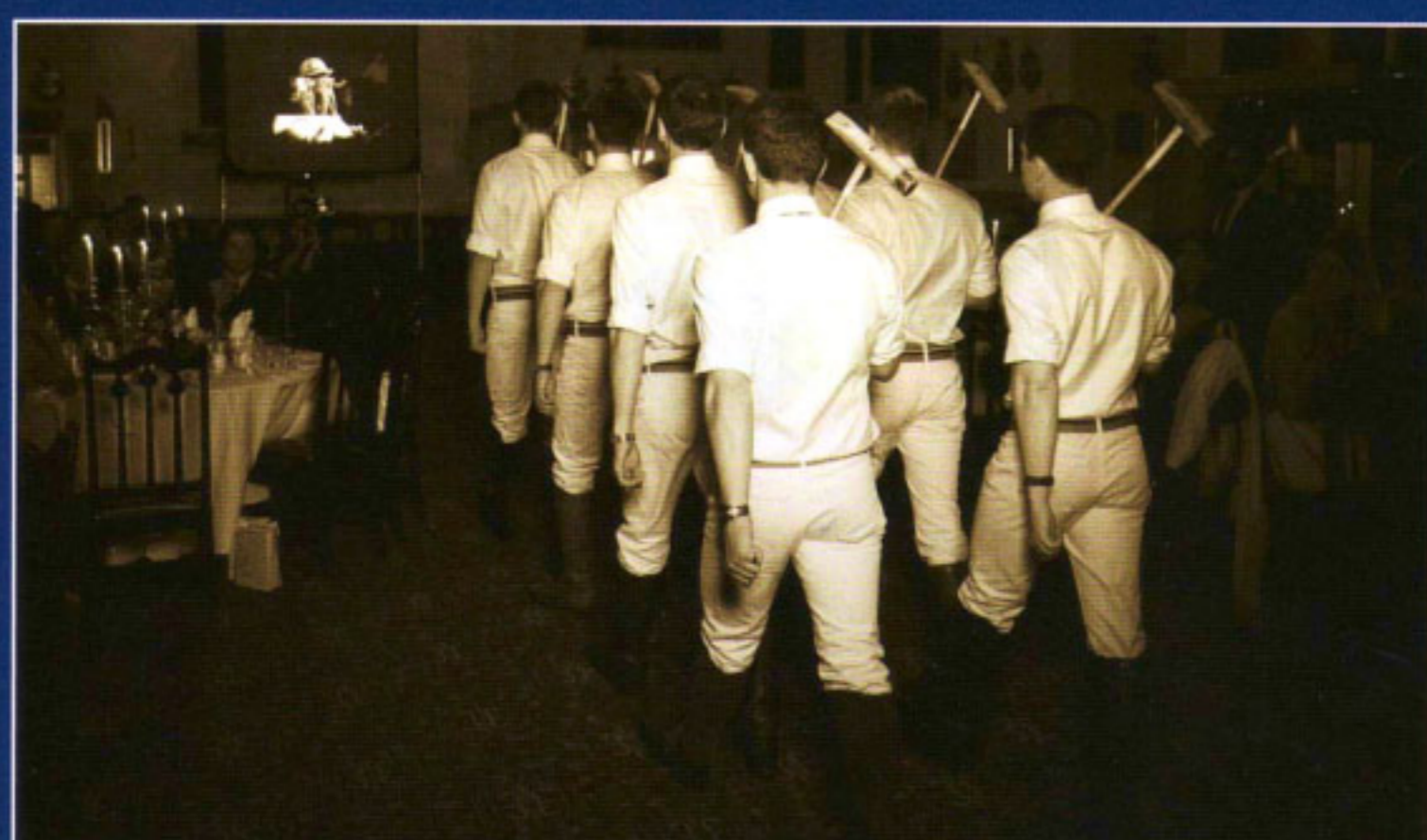


Umpires happily dressed the part; they were Matt Hine, Tomas Iriarte and Maj Ben Marshall (Gurka Rifles)

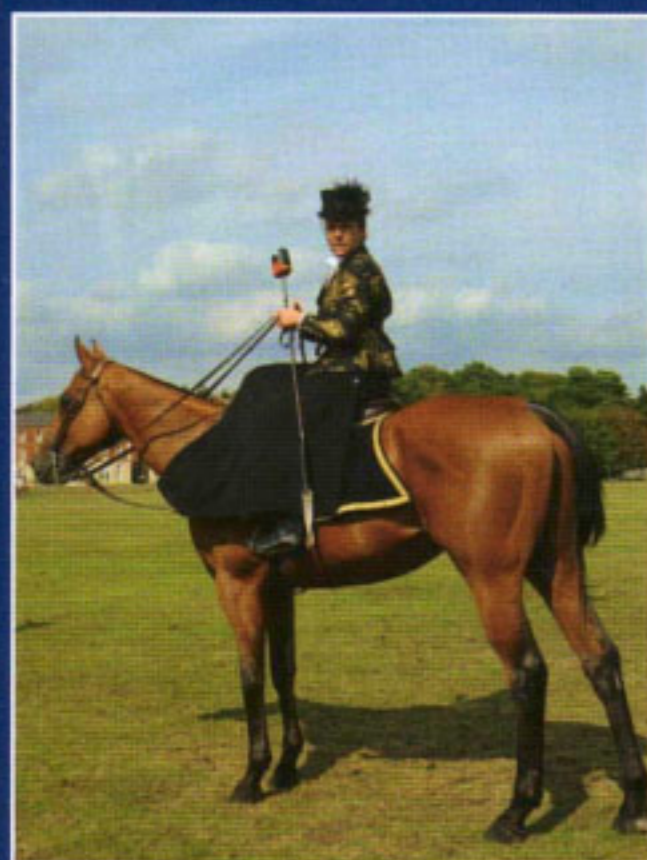


Alice Gipps, who played on Sunday, and Swiss reserve Alan Morello

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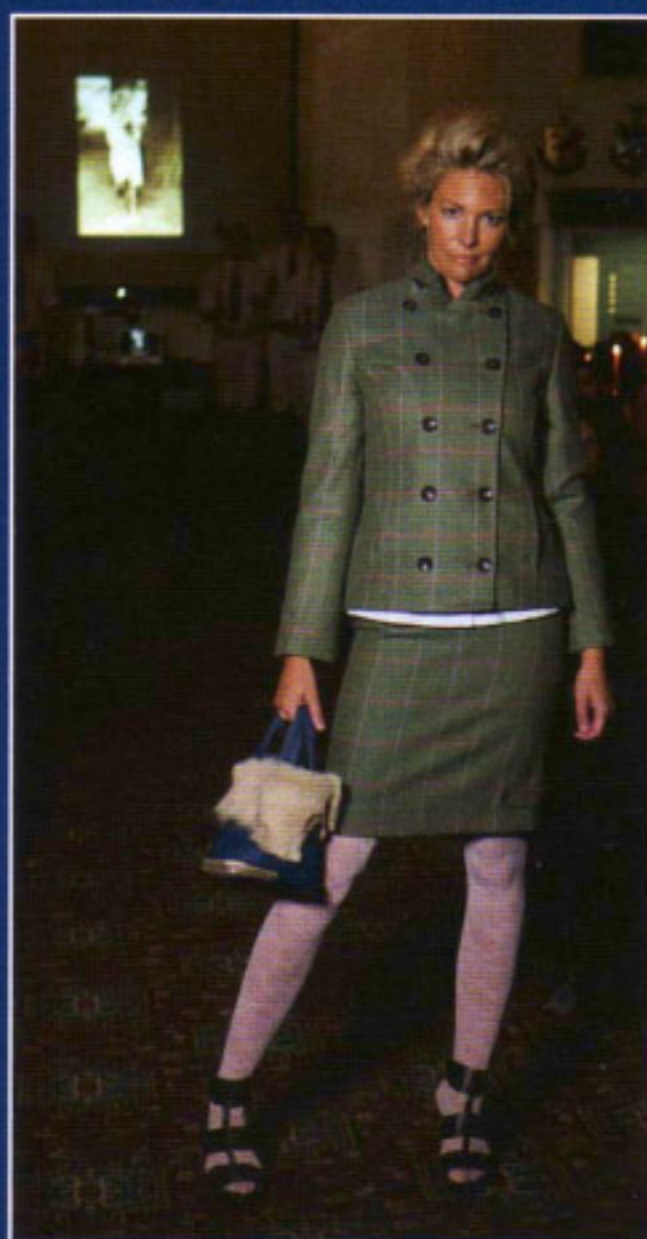
Eight of Sandhurst's 30 polo-playing officer cadets parade at Saturday's gala dinner



Heritage Polo's founder and polo manager at Sandhurst Barbara Zingg umpiring the ladies' exhibition game



Above: play took place on the Round Ground, to the backdrop of New College  
Left: both adults and children enjoyed the company of Shetland Pony Club ponies at the sidelines



Player Charlotte Christodoulou, once a pro model, on the catwalk in the Indian Army Memorial Room



The girls' teams, Liberty Freedom United Kingdom (in tunics) and Vanilla Rose Four Nations (waistcoats)



Luxembourg, with Bert Poekes (far right) and Yves Wagner (second left) leading its first "national" team on an overseas tour



Liberty Freedom's Upender Mehra with the models