



Hololio News Christmas 2011



The sun is shining bright over Hololio Farm and it looks like the Club is heading towards its biggest season yet with several new playing members, as well as new additions to the Hololio team. The biggest change this year is the addition of Pip Menzies (pip.menzies@gmail.com) who is running all the polo and acting as farm secretary. This is a refreshing change from “the dictator” (Nick) but he is still lurking around in the background somewhere!

1 goal player and Jones cousin, Ollie Snelling, and his wife Frostie, a former high goal groom, are running the yard with Nick. 3 goaler JJ (Jeremy) Jones is back playing this season so, with Henry, a 4 goal team is up and running, and with the imminent arrival of Paco O’Dwyer, there is an 8 goal team ready to rock. Camilla has moved to the City but luckily is still about as she is running White Waste from the farm office, and Bruce is working for well-known fencing contractor Tony White. Emma Turner and Rob “Prof” Hoyland are providing much needed help with the increasing number of horses in the yard this season. Sadly for us, Andaal was unable to come back this season, but she is happily settled in the States with her boyfriend Mike where she is looking after her sister’s new baby.



Ed Hitchman & JJ Jones

New players at the Club include 5 goal Englishman, Ed Hitchman, who is basing himself in the River Yard at the bottom of the farm. Pedro Harrison (3) is back from Argentina and will be playing with Hololio member Harry Semenoff along with John Martin (4). We are also very happy to have Fiona and Dom playing polo with us this year.

Chukkas are well under way thanks to this year’s use of Balfour Field on North Road, which is being run in conjunction with Mark and Matt Fitzpatrick, and the first two games of the season were played at the end of November on the Pumphouse Ground, which is looking pristine. Harry’s magnificent tower is now three levels high, and provides a perfect gathering spot and shade for the time keeper – and wonderful birds’-eye viewing for those with a head for heights!

Ladies Instructional Chukkas have also started and will continue to take place every Thursday morning at 9.30am. The sessions are currently being coached by Ed Hitchman, his brother Matt, John Martin, and Pedro.



Ladies Chukkas at Balfour Field

For those wanting to get back into riding or to stick and ball in a slightly more relaxed environment, our “Hack & Yack” sessions, which take place every Friday morning, are perfect. Please contact Pip for more information.

Pewee Polo is off to a flying start. These are sessions for youngsters wanting to learn the sport, on or off the leading rein, under the instruction and supervision of Ollie, Pip, and Emma. The first two sessions were a great success and a lot of fun! For future dates, or for more information, please contact Ollie – oliver@neatmeat.com.



Liz Sellar and daughters, Tabitha & Isla, go for a ride on the farm

Riding instruction is available for children up to 12 years old in the Pony Park area with Sally on Josephine's gorgeous Welsh ponies, and for adults with Frostie (frostiehololio@gmail.com) in the new polo arena and on the farm. Sally runs all-day "Hoof Camps" in the



Rob Hoyland schooling a young horse in the new polo arena

holidays – get on the mailing list for more information. Pip can also organise mother and daughter riding – "Mares & Fillies" – by liaising between the Pony Park and the Polo Yard. Polo lessons are available from Henry, Nick, and Ed – contact Pip or Frostie.

The Pool House is open for coffee and relaxation, and the pool is getting warmer by the day...

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 22nd December 5pm – Hololio Christmas BBQ at The Pool House

Saturday December 31st – Sunday January 1st – Ardmore Tournament at APC

January 28th – 30th – Hololio Tournament

Saturday 11th February – International Day at Kihikihi

15th – 17th February 2012 – New Zealand Women's Open 2012 – TELL YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, GET DISTANT SUPPORTERS TO BOOK FLIGHTS!!

15th – 19th February – New Zealand Open (Finals Sunday 19th) at APC

6th – 11th March – Savile Cup at APC

24th – 25th March – Brinks Tournament at APC

Ladies Instructional Chukkas will take place as normal over the Christmas period (Thursday morning at 9.30am). We are also toying with the possibility of some chukkas for members' children off the lead rein (Keewee Polo) following the ladies sessions – details to follow.

All in all, we have had a fantastic Spring with lessons, ladies chukkas, weekend games, Hack & Yack, Peewee Polo and more. We hope you are all enjoying the ride so far!

We are always open to suggestions so keep in touch and let us know how we can help you enjoy the season more.



Pony Park superstar, Big Boots

Finally, keep an eye on our Facebook page – **Hololio | Polo Club: Pony Park: Polo House** – we post photos after most days, so see yourself there...

Happy Christmas and all the best for 2011,

The Hololio Team

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