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# Editor's Note

As we usher in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the year of the Snake, ominous dark clouds are looming over the racing industry not seen since the inception of horse racing to our country by the British in 1864. Horse racing has gone through many tough and difficult times. We have survived the Great Depression, two world wars, the separation of Malaysia and Singapore and the splitting of the two totalisators, to be where we are today. 2013 will see another year of rising costs, reduced turnover and attendance at the races. What is most disheartening is the continued decline in betting on our Malaysian races in spite of the win-place tote being reduced from RM10 to RM5. We are confident we can overcome our present difficulties plaguing the racing industry otherwise the livelihood of many thousands who are directly employed by the turf clubs and tens of thousands more who are indirectly involved in the spin-off to racing such as transport, food, hospitality and other service industries are going to suffer. The Totalisator Board and turf clubs are now working in concert to prevent such a calamity if the unthinkable should happen. In any business venture, all partners must have the will to work together and share weal and woe equally. With this in mind, the new owners of the authorised agent, PMP should seek a dialogue with the clubs to find an equitable solution to the industry's predicament. We must continue to grow the industry and make racing attractive and affordable for the horse owners. Racing has always been a painless form of revenue to the Treasury. The golden goose must be protected at all costs and must not be culled!

We need to broaden our appeal to stay afloat by making racing more accessible through the electronic media such as the internet and live telecast. Horse racing has something for everyone and anyone watching horses in full gallop can tell you the excitement, the beauty, speed and spills of a horse race. Unfortunately, the thrill of having a bet has been longed hijacked by illegal bookmakers. The racing authorities have to regain the ground lost to illegals.

We, in the PNTC, will continue to play our part in protecting this golden goose by giving various incentives to horse owners to enable them to purchase more quality bloodstock. In this tough economic times, stakesmonies and facilities must be maintained as far as possible because the level and the quality of racing in any country is on the amount of stakesmonies on offer at the races. We are proud to be the only club in the country to offer RM1 million stakes for our Magic Millions Classic race.

# PLENTY TO CHEER



## Big incentive for Penang based trainers to win Gold Cup and prizes galore at Gold Cup dinner

**A**n incentive sum of RM350,000 will be offered to any Penang based trainer who wins the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup three times within a span of 10 years.

The last two Penang based trainers to win the 2200m classic were Jonathan Sargent with *Centrovie* in 1999 and Dr Tan Swee Hock with *Courtline Jester* in 1995.

Prior to that, former champion trainer Teh Choon Beng, now a Dato Seri and Committee Member of Penang Turf Club, won the Gold Cup a record of seven times.

The incentive was announced by Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club, at the annual gathering of Ordinary Members and guests during the gala dinner held on December 28, 2012 in conjunction with the running of the Gold Cup.

"The Gold Cup race day is the most important day of the racing calendar of the Club. The Gold Cup is the oldest classic race in the MRA circuit and was first run in 1921. This Sunday will be the 72<sup>nd</sup> running of the race," said Dato Ong.

Dato Ong also said a total sum of RM3.855 million was dished out as stakesmoney and incentives during the Gold Cup meeting.

As for the Gold Cup dinner, the Club lined up a total of 345 lucky draw prizes for the lucky draw for Ordinary Members of the Club. KPMG, an independent auditing firm was appointed to oversee the conduct of the whole draw.

"This lucky draw is made possible by the supporters of the turf who had sponsored all the prizes," said Dato Ong as he urged those present to show





their appreciation by giving a big hand to all the sponsors and donors for their generous support.

Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas and his wife Toh Puan Dato Seri Utama Hajjah Majimor binte Shariff were guests of honour at the Gold Cup dinner.

Other guests included Chow Kon Yeow, State Executive Councillor for Local Government and Traffic Management and Mrs Chow, Lydia Ong, Ong Keng Yong, High Commissioner of Singapore to Malaysia and Mrs Irene Ong, Tan Sri Datuk Richard Cham Hak Lim, Chairman of Lembaga Totalisator Malaysia and Selangor Turf Club, Dato Cheah Choon King, Deputy Chairman of Perak Turf Club, Tony Tan Keng Joo, Committee Member, Singapore Turf Club and Mrs Tan, Brett Cook, Chairman of Gold Coast Turf Club and Michelle Thompson, Kate O'Sullivan, Committee Member of Moonee Valley Racing Club, Dr Wongkulpat Snidvongs, General Committee Member of Royal Bangkok Sports Club, and Consul-Generals of Japan and Thailand.







The big winner of the night was Ian Lee Yusheng who received the first prize of RM100,000 cash.

Dato Seri Dr Stephen Yeap Leong Huat was winner of the second prize of a set of diamond necklace with seven pieces of cornflower blue ceylonese sapphires.

The third prize of a diamond bracelet with five pieces of rubies went to Lee Chin Teong while Madam Lim Ying May won the fourth prize of a Tiffany ladies watch.

The fifth prize of a Perodua Viva was won by Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng but he graciously declined the prize and instead put the car up for the lucky draw in 2013.

Lee Wei Tat won the sixth prize of a pair of diamond earrings with 18 pieces of rubies. The seventh prize winner of a pair of silver pheasants went to Mdm Tan Guik Lan while Dato Seri H'ng Bok San took home the eighth prize of an 18K white gold diamond bracelet.



Mr Ian Lee Yusheng collecting the RM100,000 cash from TYT



Mrs Ryuji Noda presenting the set of diamond necklace with 7 pieces of cornflower blue ceylonese sapphires to Dato Seri Dr Stephen Yeap Leong Huat



Mr Lee Chin Teong collecting the diamond bracelet with 5 pieces of rubies from Mrs Srirat Vathesatogkit



Mdm Lim Ying May collecting the Tiffany Ladies Watch from Mdm Kate O'Sullivan



Mrs Robin Rizal Tan presenting the Perodua Viva to Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng



Mrs Merrell Kruger presenting the pair of diamond earrings with 18 rubies to Mr Lee Wei Tat



Mdm Tan Guik Lan collecting the pair of silver pheasants from Mrs Dadar Singh



Dato Seri H'ng Bok San collecting the 18K white gold diamond bracelet from Mrs Neoh Soon Leong



Mr Thong Wai Loen collecting the 50g gold bar from Mrs Lim Teng Hong

Thong Wai Loen, Ms Ong Ai Lin, Foo Loke Weng and Colin Choo Wei-Ch'n each won a 50g gold bar.

Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas and his wife Toh Puan Dato Seri Utama Hajjah Majimor binte Shariff also graced Gold Cup day on December 30.

Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas gave away the trophies to the winning connections and also presented cheques to twenty-four charitable organizations on behalf of Penang Turf Club.



Mrs Danny Lee Wei Tat presenting the 50g gold bar to Ms Ong Ai Lin



Mrs Cheah Ewe Beng presenting the 50g gold bar to Mr Foo Loke Weng

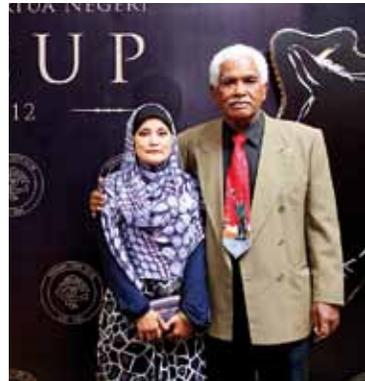
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- The Lighthouse Drop-in Centre



Ms Khoo Su Ling presenting the 50g gold bar to Mr Colin Choo Wei-Ch'n

PENANG DECEMBER YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI  
**GOLD CUP**





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**GOLD CUP**





PENANG DECEMBER YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI  
**GOLD CUP**





# GOING ONE BETTER

## Singapore-trained Hint wins Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup in second attempt

Singapore-trained *Hint*, who finished fifth to *Tears To Diamonds* in the RM500,000 Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup in 2011 after chalking up four wins at Kranji that year, enjoyed much better fortune the second time around when he scored a runaway win in the 2,200m handicap in Penang on December 30, 2012.

*Hint's* form in 2012 was hardly inspiring, managing just one third placing in six starts at Kranji. But trainer Steven Burridge, who has enjoyed plenty of successes in cross-border races, pressed ahead with a second bid at the Cup despite the gelding finishing second last in his lead-up race two weeks prior to the Cup.

"I've had a bit of luck in Malaysia, and I'm pretty happy with my horses' condition. I think overall, the Singapore horses will be too good there (in Penang)," Burridge said prior to the Penang races (Gold Cup and Malaysian 2012 Magic Millions Classic). Burridge was not in Penang to witness the race but his wife Julie was on hand to oversee his runners.



*Hint in full flight*

Against seven well-credentialed rivals from Malaysia, *Hint* (*Reset - Suggestive* by *Al Hareb*) defied the odds when he cruised home by two-and-three-quarter lengths ahead of *Good Sight* (*Lonhro - Bonne Famille* by *Anabaa*).

Brazilian jockey Jose De Souza had *Hint* a handy fourth racing past the winning post for the first time, with *Mr Ambassador* leading the pack as the field made the first bend into the back straight.

*Mr Ambassador* kept up a relentless gallop in the back straight, taking a four-length break at the 800m. But the leader came back to the field as the others quickened at the home bend and the field was bunched up at the top of the home straight.

*Hint* collared *Mr Ambassador* at the 200m and soon kicked clear with only

50.5kg on his back. *Good Sight* flashed home to pip *Speed Baby* (*Fastnet Rock - Twisted Heart* by *Distorted Humor*) who ran a gallant third with top-weight of 59kg.

*Hint* was purchased for A\$375,000 at the Australian Easter Yearling Sale and raced in pretty good company in Australia, managing a win over 2,000m at Kyneton and was placed five times in 11 starts.

He first landed in Singapore for Burridge but it was in Malaysia that he made his local debut for trainer Richard Lines who managed a win and a third with the horse in three starts. Soon after he was back in Singapore.

*Hint* wasn't an easy horse to train and it was only after he was gelded in June 2010 that he picked up two wins at Kranji later that year.

*Hint* contested the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup in 2011 after finishing fourth to *El Dorado* in the Singapore Gold Cup that year. This time, there was no denying the seven-year-old.



*Jockeys participating in the Gold Cup pose for a photo with Penang Turf Club Committee Members John Alexander Rodgers (left) and Saw Lip Khai*

*Hint* covered the distance in 2 min. 12.5 secs, just one-tenth of a second outside the course record which has stood since 1994 when *Noble Spirits* triumphed in the Gold Cup.

It was another successful cross-border raid for Burridge who won the Gold Cup with *Risky Business* in 2010 when it was held in Kuala Lumpur.

Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas presented the trophies to the winning connections.



Group photo after the prize presentation

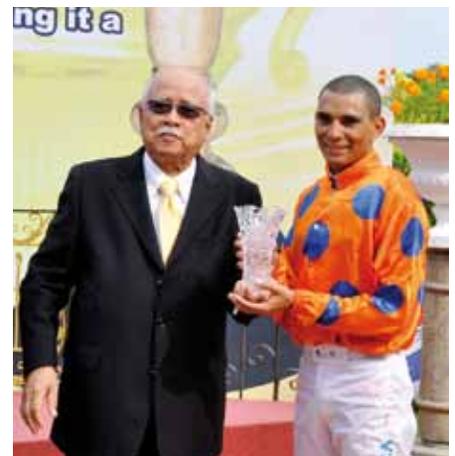
| Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup |     |            |      |             |   |                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------|------|-------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Hint</i>                    | 7 G | S Burridge | 58   | J De Souza  | 1 | Going:<br>Good<br><br>Winning Time:<br>2 min. 12.5 secs.<br><br>Margins:<br>2¾ lengths,<br>nose, ¾ length |
| <i>Good Sight</i>              | 5 G | K Coetzee  | 58   | I Saifudin  | 3 |                                                                                                           |
| <i>Speed Baby</i>              | 5 G | K Coetzee  | 58   | I Azhar     | 3 |                                                                                                           |
| <i>Mr Ambassador</i>           | 7 G | J Tan      | 51.5 | R Woodworth | 4 |                                                                                                           |
| <i>Wiener</i>                  | 5 G | K Coetzee  | 53   | V Sivan     | 5 |                                                                                                           |
| <i>Good Nature</i>             | 8 H | K Coetzee  | 58   | K Eirwan    | 6 |                                                                                                           |
| <i>Beautiful Choice</i>        | 6 G | KF Wong    | 58   | J Low       | 7 |                                                                                                           |
| <i>Good Baby</i>               | 5 G | K Coetzee  | 57   | J Shankar   | 8 |                                                                                                           |



Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas presenting the winner's trophy to Scott James Mcalister



Trainer Steven Burridge's wife Julie receiving the trophy on behalf of her husband



Jockey Jose De Souza receiving his trophy from Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas



*Mr Big wins the Magic Millions Classic from another Singapore runner Feisty Leo*

**M**r Big (*Elusive Quality - Basamaat by Danehill*) lived up to his awesome reputation when he outclassed his rivals to win the RM1 million Malaysian 2012 Magic Millions Classic in Penang on December 30, 2012.

Purchased for just A\$21,000 as a yearling, the Singapore galloper has yet to miss a place in 19 starts at Kranji, notching up 10 wins including the Magic Millions Juvenile Championship and Aushorse Golden Horseshoe at two.

The champion two-year-old has since trained on to win the Kranji Sprint, Woodlands Handicap and Garden City Trophy and ran a gallant second to *Ato* in the Group 1 KrisFlyer International Sprint (1,200m) in May last year.

Trained by Michael Freedman, *Mr Big* was ridden to victory by regular jockey Stephen Baster who quickly took the four-year-old to the front on settling down.

*Big Lightning* and *Black Sequalo* joined him at the 600m and they were almost in a line going into the home stretch. But *Big Lightning* was soon beaten. *Black Sequalo* also came under pressure as *Mr Big* kicked clear with 200m to go.

*Feisty Leo* (*Blackfriars - Speed School by Royal Academy*), who won two races in Malaysia for Chong Keng Leong before notching up another three wins at Kranji under Mark Walker, put in a gallant effort in the closing stages but the leader was well clear, winning by two lengths.

Kevin Coetzee-trained *Alien* (*Elusive Quality - Belle Amici by Catbird*) was the best Malaysian finisher, flashing home to take third placing.

# LIVING UP to His Name

**Top Singapore galloper  
Mr Big too good in  
Malaysian 2012 Magic  
Millions Classic**



*Mr Big returns to scale with Stephen Baster astride*

## Malaysian 2012 Magic Millions Classic

|                           |     |            |      |             |    |                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|-----|------------|------|-------------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Mr Big</i>             | 4 G | M Freedman | 58   | S Baster    | 1  | <p>Going:<br/>Good</p> <p>Winning Time:<br/>1 min. 8.6 secs.<br/>(now course record)</p> <p>Margins:<br/>2 lengths,<br/>2¼ lengths,<br/>1½ lengths</p> |
| <i>Feisty Leo</i>         | 4 G | M Walker   | 58   | L Sofhan    | 3  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Alien</i>              | 4 G | K Coetzee  | 58   | H Haswindy  | 3  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Black Sequalo</i>      | 3 G | S H Tan    | 51.5 | R Woodworth | 4  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Pitstop</i>            | 3 G | S Burridge | 53   | I Azhar     | 5  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Big Lightning</i>      | 4 G | K Coetzee  | 58   | J Shankar   | 6  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Happy Amigo</i>        | 4 G | R Lines    | 58   | J De Souza  | 7  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Equally Optimistic</i> | 4 G | S H Tan    | 57   | S L Lam     | 8  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Colin The Firth</i>    | 4 G | J Brink    | 58   | K Eirwan    | 9  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Blue Hills</i>         | 4 G | S Cook     | 57   | I Saifudin  | 10 |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Ninetyfive Rocket</i>  | 4 G | S Liew     | 57   | MW Teh      | 11 |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Delta Wing</i>         | 4 G | S Cook     | 57   | J Low       | 12 |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Major Surprise</i>     | 4 G | T Yeoh     | 55.5 | R Lim       | 13 |                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Blue Delago</i>        | 4 H | S Cook     | 57   | K Yazid     | 14 |                                                                                                                                                        |

The 1,200m sprint was open to Magic Millions graduates from both sides of the causeway and this time attracted three runners from Kranji to make the trip up north.

In winning, *Mr Big* set a new course record time of 1 min. 8.6 secs. which clipped seven-tenth of a second off the previous best time first set by *King's Seal* in 1993, matched by *I'm Dewan* in 1999 and equalled again by *Happy Realm* only the day before.

*Mr Big* was originally targetted for the Longines Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin in December but did not make the trip after he pulled up with "filling in a joint" following a race on November 23.

The Magic Millions race turned out to be a huge consolation for his connections. Wade Burridge, Manager of Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd, Singapore, gave away the trophies to the winning connections.



Assistant trainer James Peter receiving the trophy on behalf of the owners from Wade Burridge



Group photo after the prize presentation



Stephen Baster receiving his trophy from Wade Burridge

# TOP OF THE CLASS

Littlebitofjoy is champion 4YO in Malaysia in 2012



*Littlebitofjoy leads his rivals home in the final leg of the 4YO challenge*

**A**merican bred *Littlebitofjoy* (*Kitten's Joy* - *Shortstop Sal* by *Ghazi*) was crowned the champion four-year-old in Malaysia in 2012 after capturing the final leg of a three-race challenge over 2,000m in Penang on December 23, 2012.

The four-year-old championship was inaugurated last year to encourage the importation of quality horses, in addition to the revival of the three-year-old challenge series by the three Malaysian clubs.

Interestingly, northern hemisphere bred horses, which form only a small fraction of the local horse population, made a clean sweep of the three challenge races.

The first leg, the Sprint Challenge over 1,200m was staged at Sungei Besi on October 27 and it was won by the English-bred *Shamacam* (*Shamardal* - *Dynacam* by *Dynaformer*), formerly trained by Sir Michael Stoute for whom he raced five times for three placings in Great Britain.

Now trained by Aditiyan Selvaratnam, the horse was having only his second outing in Malaysia.

*Littlebitofjoy*, who skipped the first leg as the distance was deemed too short for the horse, then showed his mettle in the Mile Challenge over 1,600m in Ipoh on November 25, 2012, winning by two-and-a-quarter lengths.



*Saw Lip Khai presenting the trophy to jockey Jose De Souza*

On the back of that win, the Edylyn Goh-trained horse was installed as the odds-on favourite in the final leg, the Stayer Challenge over 2,000m in Penang.

Despite the small field of seven runners, it was a keenly contested race with the field bunched up from start to finish.

Brazilian jockey Jose De Souza rode a patient race, bidding for time behind a wall of runners in the back straight when only five lengths separated the field. When the pace quickened at the home turn, De Souza took *Littlebitofjoy* to the outside of the field for his run.

At the top of the home straight, four horses were in the lead stretched across the track almost in a line. *Littlebitofjoy* was four-wide. *Littlebitofjoy* and *Carbon Copy* (*Volksraad - Mardi Gras* by *Kaapstad*) drew away in the final stages to fight out the finish, with the former winning by three-quarters of a length.

Third was *Cassandra Shadow* (*O'Reilly - Anne Of Tudor* by *Twig Moss*).

*Littlebitofjoy* had two starts as a juvenile in the United States, winning over 1,609m at Ellis Park and was placed second over 1,408m at Keeneland in his other run.

The Stayer Challenge victory took his record to four wins from 16 outings in Malaysia and ended the season on a high for his rookie trainer.

Trophies for the Stayer Challenge were presented by Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan (winning owner), Perak Turf Club Committee Member Dato Terry Lee Pang Lay (winning trainer) and Penang Turf Club Committee Member Saw Lip Khai (winning jockey).

Dato Ong and Dato Lee also presented the championship trophies to the winning owner and trainer respectively.



*The jubilant connections leading in their champion*



*Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to owner Eugene Khoo*



*Trainer Edylyn Goh receiving her trophy from Dato Terry Lee Pang Lay*



*Group photo after the prize presentation*

# RECORD CROWD AT SHOW

New additions bring thousands to the National Horse Show in Penang



The 2012 National Horse Show held in Penang was a resounding success judging from the record number of visitors who attended the three-day event.

Thousands of people flocked to the Batu Gantong racecourse for the return of the national-scale show to Penang from November 30 to December 2.

So overwhelming was the crowd on the final day that the closing time had to be extended to 6.30pm as there were still long queues of visitors waiting for their turn at the games and rides.

"The event attracted crowds of more than 50,000 on the weekend and the number of visitors on Sunday, the final day, was the highest ever recorded with more than 30,000 people from all walks of life," said Penang Turf Club (PNTC) General Manager Leow Khin Ming.

Event Organising Chairman John Alexander Rodgers said the PNTC has continuously promoted tourism for Penang via its horse shows, while

striving to contribute to the development of the equine industry.

"Judging from the huge crowds at our horse shows over the years, I believe we have been successful in our aim to make our Horse Show a one-stop hub where families and friends can gather for a unique weekend experience with horses," he said at the opening ceremony.

"The staging of the show is possible due to the strong support from the state government, the sponsors, participants and members of PNTC."

State Tourism Development and Culture Committee Chairman Danny Law Heng Kiang officiated at the opening ceremony.

Record crowd aside, many record-breaking times were also registered at the 'Flying Phoenix'. Prizes such as cowboy hats and caps were given away to those who stayed on the rodeo 'bucking horse' for the longest time.

Another highlight of the three-day

show was the 10th Asian Regional Farriery Competition in which 36 farriers from several countries, including a team from Japan, took part.

The inclusion of the Penang Agility Association dog show was also a 'first' for a horse show in Penang. Visitors were charmed by pedigree dogs performing tricks such as jumping through hoops.

This year's show also featured an art competition in collaboration with The One Academy. The competition was based on traditional paintings, drawings and clay sculptures which were on display at the carnival site.

Not to forget the less fortunate and needy, more than RM4,000 was collected from sales of the club's first charity auction in aid of St Nicholas' Home for the Blind. Electronic goods including television sets, handbags and designer ties proved to be a hit with the crowd.



A charity jumble sale stall at the show also netted more than RM4,000 with the proceeds going towards helping the National Cancer Society (Penang Branch), Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital and House Of Hope.

PNTC also donated RM10,000 to Persatuan Kebajikan Hope Worldwide Penang, St Nicholas' Home Penang, the Children's Protection Society and the Penang Animal Sanctuary Society.

Underprivileged children from 15 homes including the Children's Protection Society, Penang Shan Childrens Home Association, Handicapped Children's Centre and St Joseph's Home, were invited to the show on the opening day. The children were given food, drinks, gifts and carriage rides.

Visitors who enjoyed the showjumping and dressage competitions had the chance to attend a horse riding technique demonstration to have a better understanding of the sport.

Equine competitions aside, visitors were also treated to a host of other activities.

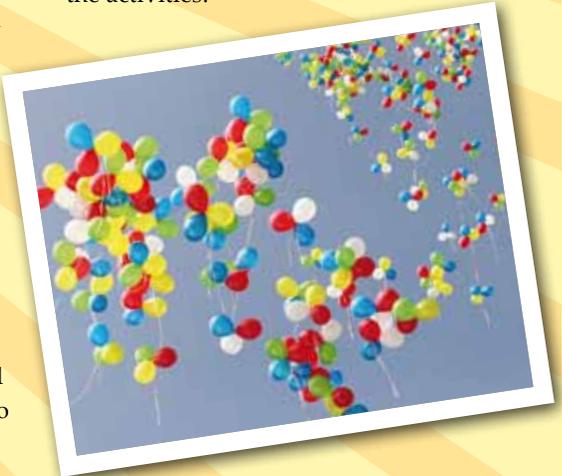
They had the chance to view different breed of horses and an exhibition staged by the Wildlife and National Parks Department.

Pony and carriage rides attracted long queues from the young ones, while the antics of balloon sculptors, jugglers and clowns also kept them entertained.

There were also stage performances such as the Wild Wild West Dance, pop string duo

performance, K-Pop dance to delight the crowd. Some brave visitors took part in the 'Minute to Win It' challenges.

A bazaar featuring equine products and other wares was also part of the show. A variety of stalls selling food and beverages catered to those feeling hungry or thirsty after enjoying all the activities.





***IT'S  
CARNIVAL  
TIME!***  
A jolly good show  
that enchanted  
thousands



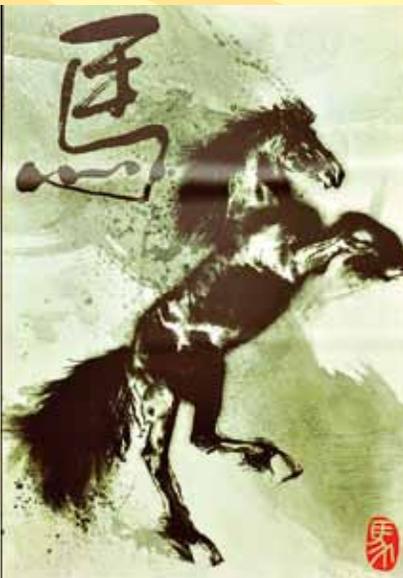
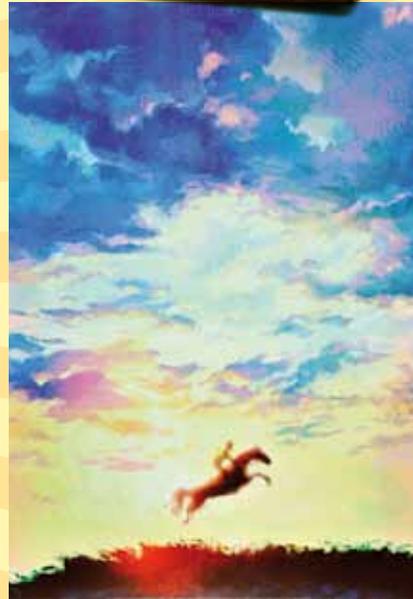
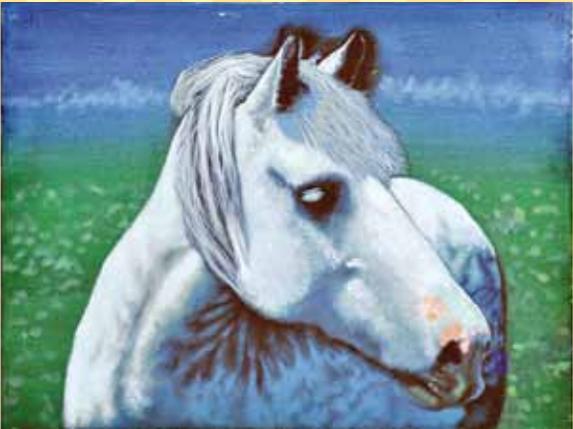




## FARRIERY, EQUESTRIAN & AGILITY DOG COMPETITIONS



# Art Exhibition by The One Academy, Penang





*Beautiful Choice (partly-hidden) holds off the challenge of Wiener (No. 7) to win the Charity Cup*

# HOME GROWN PRIDE

## Malaysian bred Beautiful Choice wins Charity Cup

Malaysian bred horses seemed to come out of their shells after the National Stud Farm (NSF) scrapped the closed races for Malaysian bred horses in early 2012.

Horses bred at the farm went on to win a record number of races in open company, and none were more impressive than *Beautiful Choice* (*Super Istana - Bliss* by *Serheed*), for two years running in 2010 and 2011 and was named the *NSF Malaysian Bred of the Year*.

After a near six-month let-up, the gelding won the Durham Lodge

Trophy (Class 3 - 1,400m) in Penang last July.

But it was after a change of trainer to Wong Kong Fatt that he took on the best in the Malaysian circuit and was placed twice in Class 1 before he triumphed in the RM250,000 Charity Cup (1,800m) in Ipoh on November 25, 2012.

*Beautiful Choice* won the open handicap against some of the biggest names in local racing including the Perak Derby winners *Mr Ambassador* (*Danasinga - Scotch And Water* by *Lake*

*Coniston*) and *Good Nature* (*Way Of Light - Tears We Cry* by *French Deputy*) who were both unplaced.

Ridden by Jackson Low, the six-year-old showed tremendous fighting quality when challenged by the vastly-improved *Wiener* (*Snitzel - Zsabelle* by *Zabeel*) to win by a nose. Third was *Gust* (*Langfuhr - Green Genes* by *Celtic Swing*).

*Beautiful Choice*, who cost RM100,000 at the National Premier Sale, brought his record to seven wins from 19 starts and earned over RM820,000 in prize money for his owners Beautiful Choice Stable.



*Group photo after the prize presentation  
- Photos courtesy of Yee Khai Seng/Amy Loh*



*Trainer Wong Kong Fatt receiving the trophy from Perak Turf Club Deputy Chairman Dato Cheah Choon King*



# Capping It Off In Style

## Eirwan Khalid ends title-winning season with win in Geisel Park Stud Trophy

Eirwan Khalid capped his maiden championship season with a victory astride *Kawan Street* (Rock Of Gibraltar - Makeeba by Dehere) in the RM75,000 Geisel Park Stud Trophy (Class 3 - 1,600m) in Penang on December 30, 2012.

It was the jockey's 59<sup>th</sup> win of the season and a deserving reward for the 31-year-old who started out as a syce in 1999 and became an apprentice jockey in 2003.

It was also a deserving win for *Kawan Street*, who after finishing down the field in his first three starts in Malaysia, but did not finish out of the money in his next ten outings, ended up winning thrice.

Trained by Nor Azman, the Australian five-year-old was travelling so well in third spot in the early running that Eirwan did not hesitate to send him to the front at the home bend.

*Kawan Street* was first tackled by *Coffeeshop Gossip* on his outside and then *Kampong Chantek* on the rails but held them both at bay.

In the final 100m, it was *Volpista* (Golden Voyager - La Mari by New Colony) who flashed home on the outside but *Kawan Street* had too much to spare, winning by half a length. Third was *Coffeeshop Gossip* (El Moxie - Manzie De Lago by Encosta De Lago).

*Kawan Street* won his only start over 1,100m at Bunbury in Western Australia before moving to Malaysia.

Penang Turf Club Committee Member Teoh Mei Shean presented the trophies to the winning connections on behalf of Geisel Park Stud.



Eirwan Khalid receiving his trophy from Teoh Mei Shean



The winning connections pose for photo after the prize presentation

*Kawan Street* scores a deserving win in the Geisel Park Stud Trophy





# Simply Magnificent

Runaway win by Oriental Prestige in Penang Turf Club Goodwill Cup in Macau

*Oriental Prestige scoring a runaway win in the Penang Turf Club Goodwill Trophy*

A superb ride by six-time Macau champion jockey Manoel Nunes saw *Oriental Prestige* scoring a magnificent win in the HK\$460,000 Penang Turf Club Goodwill Cup for Classes 1 & 2 horses over 1,350m on the sand track at Taipa Racecourse, Macau on December 7, 2012.

Hugging the rails after jumping from barrier 5, Nunes bided for his time on the Australian six-year-old as he had to race behind a wall of horses till the home bend.

A gap opened up between horses at the top of the straight and Nunes quickly sent *Oriental Prestige* (*Danewin - Satin Bella* by *Sir Tristram*) through. The gelding hit the front in a few strides, quickly opened up a gap on the rest of the runners and went on to win by two and three-quarter lengths.

*Power Regimental* (*Refuse To Bend - Red Fox* by *Spectrum*) came from near last at the home turn to finish second, just ahead of *Northern Champion* (*Mugharreb - Ascot Prancer* by *Ascot Knight*) who had jumped awkwardly and lost about two lengths at the start.

It was *Oriental Prestige's* seventh win in 29 starts in Macau. He covered the distance in 1 min. 22.3 secs.

After the race, Penang Turf Club Committee Member Saw Lip Khai presented the trophies to the winning owner Chiang Chon Kai, trainer Y C Fung and jockey Nunes.

Prior to the race, Saw also presented the Best Performance Mafoo award to the mafoo of *Power Regimental*. Also in attendance was Penang Turf Club Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng.



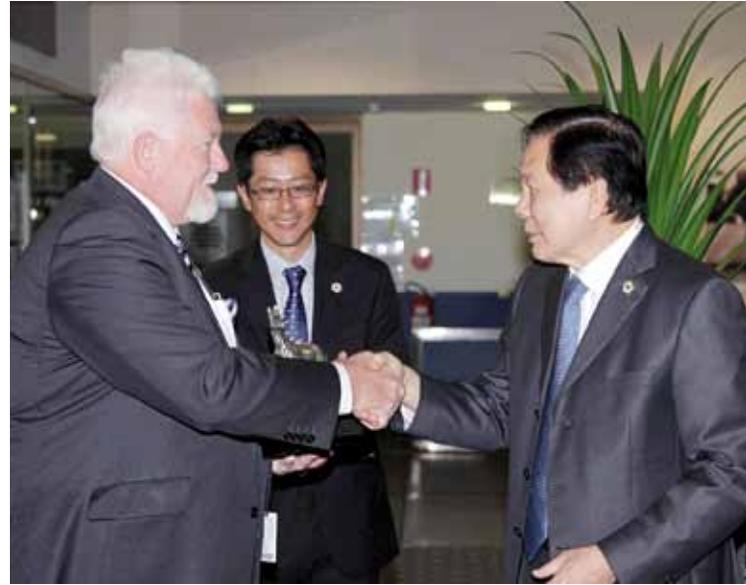
*Saw Lip Khai presenting the trophy to trainer Y C Fung*



*The winning connections with Committee Members of Penang Turf Club and Macau Jockey Club*



*The winning connections with Committee Members of Penang Turf Club after the prize presentation*



*Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng thanking South Australian Jockey Club Vice Chairman Chris Sargent for staging the Penang Trophy*

# Racing Away

## Daytona Grey too speedy in Penang Trophy in Adelaide

On the back of two good placings at Morphettville — where he is trained — *Daytona Grey* was sent out the 2.50 favourite in the A\$40,000 Penang Trophy for three-year-olds over 1,300m at Morphettville Parks, Adelaide on September 8, 2012.

Confidently ridden by Clare Lindop who has been his only rider in eight starts till then, *Daytona Grey* (*Artie Schiller - Southern Rose* by *Unbridled's Song*) jumped smartly to sit just off the leader in the early stages before Lindop allowed the grey to stride forward to pressure the pacesetter rounding the home turn.

*Daytona Grey* was left in front when the leader compounded early in the straight but the smart galloper gave none of his rivals a chance to run him down with his impressive acceleration when asked at the 250m, scoring by three-and-a-half lengths.

"We were very pleased to see him do that, he's a real improver," said Leon Macdonald, who trains *Daytona Grey* in partnership with Andrew Gluyas. The pair had won the 2011 Caulfield Cup with *Southern Speed* (*Southern Image - Golden Eagle* by *Zabeel*).

Following *Daytona Grey* home were two fillies, *Meadows Mist* (*Face Value - Dancing Lass* by *Akhadan*) and *Terrific Flair* (*Excellent Art - Tsarnista* by *Soviet Star*).

Bred in South Australia, *Daytona Grey* was purchased at the Adelaide Yearling Sale for A\$65,000 and raced by B H Perks, S J Chambers, P A Hodby, D T Day, J C Brown, P J Lewis, P Green, Zct Green & V Tripodi Ashton Rusling Racing Syndicate.

The Penang Trophy was his second win in eight starts.

Penang Turf Club Committee Members Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng, John Alexander Rodgers and Saw Lip Khai were at Morphettville Parks to witness the Penang Trophy along with their respective spouses.



*The Penang delegation poses with their hosts after presenting a memento to the SAJC*



Group photo after the prize presentation  
 – Photos courtesy of Yee Khai Seng/Amy Loh

# Second Crowning

**Speed Baby wins  
Coronation Cup  
for second time in  
three years**



Perak Turf Club Deputy Chairman Dato Cheah Choon King presenting the trophy to Dato Beh Ching Peng. In the centre is Perak Turf Club Chairman Tan Sri V. Jeyaratnam

*Speed Baby* (Fastnet Rock - Twisted Heart by Distorted Humor) joined *Confluence* and *Golden Ace* as the only two-time winners of the RM700,000 Coronation Cup, since its inauguration in 1985, when he won the 1,600m event in Ipoh on November 25, 2012.

After winning the set-weight event in 2010 for trainer Kevin Coetzee, the Australian gelding was sent down south to Singapore to continue his racing career and managed to win the Group 1 Patrons' Bowl in his third start at Kranji.

*Speed Baby* failed to reproduce that sort of form again in Singapore in the next 12 months but his then trainer Steven Burridge made the bold decision to enter him anyway for the RM1 million Piala Emas Sultan Selangor, a 2,000m cross-border event at Sungei Besi in June last year, which he promptly won with ease.



Owner Dato Beh Ching Peng leads in *Speed Baby*

His owners Baby Stable then brought him back to Malaysia to continue racing under his former trainer Coetzee.

That decision paid off again when ridden by Azhar Ismail, the six-year-old cruised to another easy win in the Coronation Cup despite a five-month break.

*Speed Baby* finished one-and-a-quarter lengths ahead of *Fox Command* (*Testa Rossa* - *Energy Source* by *Anabaa*) with the winner's stablemate *Good Baby* (*Hussonet* - *Secret Haze* by *Danehill*) coming home third in heavy going.

*Confluence* (*Paris Opera* - *Tristrams Jewel* by *Sir Tristram*) won the Cup in 2002 and 2003 while *Golden Ace* (*Desert Prince* - *Soyinca* by *Caerleon*) was successful in 2005 and 2006.



Solemia collars Orfevre near the winning post for an upset win



Olivier Peslier returns to scale on Solemia

# Arc Snatched from Japan

## Japanese runner certainty beaten in Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

France reclaimed its greatest prize and extended the torment of Japanese challengers in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Europe's greatest race, at Longchamp racecourse on October 7, 2012.

The Japanese runner *Orfevre* (*Stay Gold – Oriental Art* by *Mejiro McQueen*), winner of Japan's Triple Crown, looked sure to win but for an impetuous ride by Christophe Soumillon who had dropped *Orfevre* towards the rear by circling the field instead of seeking a path of the weakening horses on the inside.

*Orfevre* was drawn on the outside but Soumillon exaggerated the position by staying wide. Still he burst into the lead with 150m to go in the straight and looked sufficiently superior to win but he violently hung in, collided with the rails and left the door ajar for *Solemia* (*Poliglote – Brooklyn's Dance* by *Shirley Heights*) to rally to overtake *Orfevre* by a mere neck in a dramatic finish. The winning margin was the closest for Japan after near misses with *Deep Impact*, *El Condor Pasa* and *Nakayama Festa*.

The heart-breaking result was too much to bear for the legions of Japanese fans at Longchamp. *Orfevre's* young trainer, Yasutoshi Ikee, was at pains to apologise to all the Japanese fans. The consolation is Soumillon had made the fatal mistake when he committed the horse for home too early when he said, "I had a horse to win the Arc and lost".

Soumillon's loss is Olivier Peslier's gain. Peslier, 39, had not won the Arc since *Sagamix* completed a hat-trick for the jockey in 1998, following *Helissio* (1996) and *Peintre Celebre* (1997), but he has always retained his touch and flair in the saddle.

The win allowed Peslier to join Jacques Doyabere, Freddy Head, Yves Saint-Martin and Pat Eddery on the list of most successful Arc riders.

Bred in Ireland, *Solemia* did all her racing in France and provided trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias with the biggest win of his career.

*This article was reported by the President of Penang Turf Club, Dato Ong Eng Khuan*

# GREEN OVER THE MOON

Owner Lloyd Williams wins fourth Melbourne Cup with Green Moon



*Green Moon winning comfortably from Fiorente*

The Melbourne Cup, one of the world's richest flat races with prize money of A\$6 million attracts the best riders, owners and horses from across the globe. Billed as 'the race that stops a nation', more than 106,000 people watched the 3,200m race at Flemington. On this Diamond Jubilee Year, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall were present at Flemington and the Duchess was given the honour to present the Melbourne Cup to the owner.

Green Moon's win made his owner Lloyd Williams one of the most successful owners in Melbourne Cup's history. His most recent cup wins had been *Efficient* (2007), *What a Nuisance* (1985) and *Just A Dash* (1981). His achievements so far have now equalled the record of Dato' Tan Chin Nam who also had four Melbourne Cup wins. Williams at 72 is one of Australia's richest men. The Crown Casino mogul, property developer and race horse owner (reputed to be worth A\$670 million) is now setting his sights on a fifth Melbourne Cup!

Irish bred *Green Moon* (*Montjeu* – *Green Noon* by *Green Tune*) was bought

by Williams three years ago after the horse had won three races in eight starts in England. He was one of the fancied runners heading into the race before his Cox Plate flop in which he started as the A\$5 favourite but struggled home to be beaten by six lengths.

It was largely due to Hong Kong-based Brett Prebble's outstanding ride that *Green Moon* made amends to win the Cup for his fourth win in Australia. The 6-year old was in seventh place on the rails following stablemate *Mourayan* before hitting the front inside the 300m. *Green Moon* (who started at A\$20) had a length to spare at the end of the 3,200m ahead of Gai Waterhouse's *Fiorente* (A\$31) and *Jakkalberry* (A\$81) while the favourites *Americain*, *Red Cadeaux*, *Dunaden* and *Cavalryman* were left in a line behind. The first seven horses were from the Northern Hemisphere, all Irish-bred. Despite the bumper crowd at Flemington, over 3.58 million television viewers were tuned-in to the race.

The President of Penang Turf Club, Dato Ong Eng Khuan was among the dignitaries who were introduced to His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales in the Committee Box at Flemington.



*Dato Ong Eng Khuan having a yarn on the Prince of Wales Island (Penang) with the heir to the British throne HRH The Prince of Wales in the Committee Box at Flemington.*



*Dato Ong Eng Khuan at Flemington on Melbourne Cup day.*

*This article was reported by the President of Penang Turf Club, Dato Ong Eng Khuan*



California Memory sweeps past Giofra for his second Hong Kong Cup victory



# RECORD CROWD at Sha Tin

Over 70,000 watch Longines Hong Kong International Races

The Longines Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin Racecourse on December 9, 2012 broke the attendance record with a crowd of over 70,000. The bumper crowd was helped by the sunshine mild winter weather which had been wet and windy during the week leading up to the international races. Hong Kong Jockey Club paid out the sum of HK\$72 million for the four international races from the total stakesmoney of HK\$79.65 million for the ten races on the race card.

The day began with a dose of Gangnam style dance and Longines ambassadors, pop star Aaron Kwok and 'Titanic' actress Kate Winslet, wowing the crowd.

The first of the international races, the HK\$15 million Hong Kong Vase over 2,400m was taken by the Ed Dunlop-trained *Red Cadeaux* (*Cadeaux Genereux* – *Artisia* by *Peintre Celebre*).

French jockey Gerard Mosse made his move from the rails at 1,600m when the 2011 winner *Dunaden* eased back and that was where the race was won. *Red Cadeaux* had been a heart-breaking runner-up to *Dunaden* in the closest Melbourne Cup in 2011. *Red Cadeaux* is owned by former Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman, Ronald Arculli. He described the six-year-old seasoned campaigner who had competed in the Melbourne Cup and Japan Cup in November with a sense of humour: "Bloodstock agents liked to tell you that the horse they got you is a slow

developer but this time, they were right".

The HK\$15 million Hong Kong Sprint was won by Japan's *Lord Kanaloa* (*King Kamehameha* – *Lady Blossom* by *Storm Cat*) who finished two and a half lengths ahead of Hong Kong's *Cerise Cherry*. The Japan champion sprinter is probably the number one sprinter in the world now. *Lord Kanaloa*, trained by Takayuki Yasuda and ridden by Yasunari Iwata, bounced out and tracked the speed set by *Cerise Cherry* but pounced in devastating style in the straight to win with ease. It was Japan's first win in the Sprint.

The HK\$20 million Hong Kong Mile was won by Hong Kong's *Ambitious Dragon* (*Pins* – *Golden Gamble* by *Oregon*). His participation was only confirmed at the eleventh hour due to an injury and was passed fit to run by the authorities only the day before. *Ambitious Dragon* was trained by Tony Millard and ridden by Zac Purton.

The highlight of the international race day, the HK\$22 million Hong Kong Cup over 2,000m saw the Tony Cruz-trained grey *California Memory* (*Highest Honor* – *Kalpita* by *Spinning World*) enter the history books by becoming the first horse ever to win the richest race in Hong Kong back-to-back. Cruz was a former Hong Kong champion jockey and is now a top class trainer.

22-year old Jockey Matthew Chadwick rode the perfect race again when he took *California Memory* from

behind with a big late finish to take the race by one length. French filly *Giofra* came in second on the line with Australian stayer, *Alcopop* third. When he crossed the finishing line, a cheeky Chadwick in jest stuck out his tongue over his rivals!

*This article was reported by the President of Penang Turf Club, Dato Ong Eng Khuan*



Dato Ong Eng Khuan and Mr Brian Stevenson, Chairman of Hong Kong Jockey Club with the trophy for the HK\$20 million Hong Kong Mile Race.



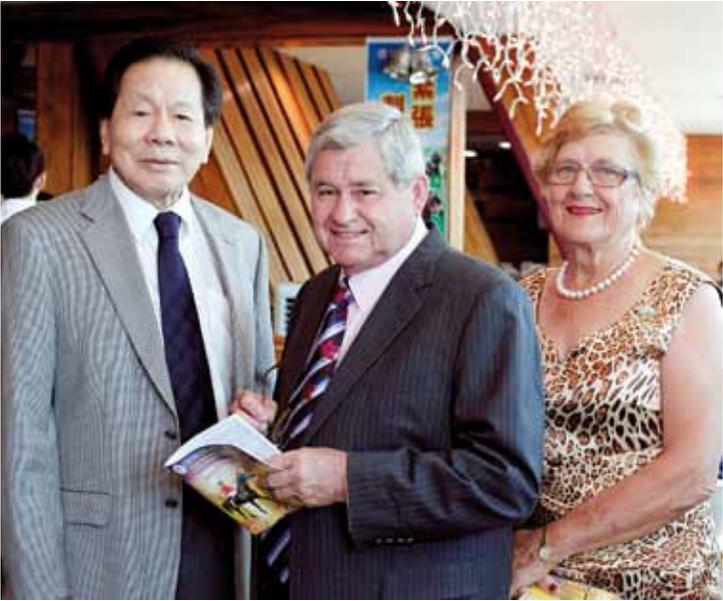
Committee Member John Alexander Rodgers and Mrs Rosalind Rodgers at the International Races at Sha Tin.



hello there!

Some of the distinguished guests and visitors at the Penang Turf Club recently







**NO COMMENT**

Black Tulip Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1600m  
 Date : 6.10.2012  
 Owner : Conqueror Stable  
 Trainer : S H Tan  
 Jockey : HK Cheng



**NO UNCERTAINTY**

Contract II Handicap  
 Class 4 – 1300m  
 Date : 6.10.2012  
 Owner : Partner Stable  
 Trainer : S H Tan  
 Jockey : J De Souza



**JOE CZARINA**

Pretty Dolly Handicap  
 Class 4 – 1400m  
 Date : 13.10.2012  
 Owner : Honest Stable  
 Trainer : S H Tan  
 Jockey : W T Chung



**NO UNCERTAINTY**

Firecracker Handicap  
 Class 3 – 1700m  
 Date : 13.10.2012  
 Owner : Partner Stable  
 Trainer : S H Tan  
 Jockey : J De Souza

# Congratulations to all the Winners

Here are some of the owners with victories at the Club's meetings recently

Photos courtesy of Yee Khai Seng/Amy Loh



**NEVERANINCH**

Yakin Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1600m  
 Date : 6.10.2012  
 Owner : Cashew Stable  
 Trainer : L N Danis  
 Jockey : L Ho



**DISTANT GLORY**

Little Angel Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1200m  
 Date : 7.10.2012  
 Owner : Liew Tian Kooi  
 Trainer : SH Tan  
 Jockey : I Azhar



**KHUVSGOL**

Crown Boy Handicap  
 Maiden – 1300m  
 Date : 13.10.2012  
 Owner : Purple Rain Stable  
 Trainer : K Coetzee  
 Jockey : H K Cheng



**KIWI MAESTRO**

Red Face Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1700m  
 Date : 14.10.2012  
 Owner : Master Jun Stable  
 Trainer : N Azman  
 Jockey : T M Wan



**BALE**

Tahiti II Handicap  
 Class 4 – 1200m  
 Date : 22.12.2012  
 Owner : Unity Stable  
 Trainer : E Breukelen  
 Jockey : I Fadzlei



**ANG PAO KERETA**

Tudor Traveller Handicap  
 Class 4 – 1200m  
 Date : 23.12.2012  
 Owner : Mah Ting Chong  
 Trainer : P K Leong  
 Jockey : V Sivan



**SHARK HUNTER**

Red Tulip Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1300m  
 Date : 22.12.2012  
 Owner : Super King Stable  
 Trainer : P Lee  
 Jockey : K K Khoo



**HEARD THE LATEST**

Supreme Confidence Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1300m  
 Date : 23.12.2012  
 Owner : Yee Kin Kong  
 Trainer : P K Leong  
 Jockey : J De Souza



**BIG THING**

Bulldozer Stakes  
 Restricted Maiden – 1300m  
 Date : 30.12.2012  
 Owner : Mdm Teng Yoon Lan  
 Trainer : M H Wee  
 Jockey : K Y Yap



**AMARO UNO**

Demovel Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1600m  
 Date : 22.12.2012  
 Owner : Mdm Choy Yut Eng  
 Trainer : P Lee  
 Jockey : T O Chang



**FLASH GORDON**

Patsohn Handicap  
 Class 5 – 1600m  
 Date : 23.12.2012  
 Owner : MAS Stable  
 Trainer : E Breukelen  
 Jockey : M Razali



**KAWAN STREET**

Geisel Park Handicap  
 Class 3 – 1600m  
 Date : 30.12.2012  
 Owner : Squire Stable  
 Trainer : N Azman  
 Jockey : K Eirwan

# CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Significant milestones in the history of the Malayan Racing Association



Captain Francis Light



The Penang Turf Club racecourse at Macalister Road



Spectators on wooden stands at Macalister Road

**1786** Francis Light forms the British Settlement on Penang Island (Prince of Wales Island) in the name of English East India Company.

**1805** Penang is raised to the status of a British Indian Presidency under the East India Company.

**1819** Stamford Raffles forms the British Settlement on the Island of Singapore.

**1826** Penang, Malacca and Singapore are joined together to form the Presidency of the Straits Settlements with its capital in Penang.

**1830** The Presidency of the Straits Settlements is reduced to a Residency under the direct supervision of the East India Company's government at Calcutta.

**1831** The capital of the Straits Settlements is transferred from Penang to Singapore.

**1842** Establishment of the Singapore Turf Club at Farrer Park.

**1864** Establishment of the Penang Turf Club at Jalan Macalister.

**1867** Transfer of control of the Straits Settlements from India to the Colonial Office, London. The opening of the Suez Canal.

**1874** The Pangkor Engagement, by which the British recognize Raja Abdullah as Sultan of Perak and impose a British adviser (Resident) on him. British adviser (Resident) imposed on Selangor.

**1886** First Perak Turf Club is established in Taiping.

**1896** Straits Racing Association is established. Creation of the Federated Malay States (Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor). Selangor Turf Club is established in Ampang.

**1921** First Penang Gold Cup.

**1924** First Singapore Gold Cup.

**1941** December — Japan invades Malaya and Singapore.

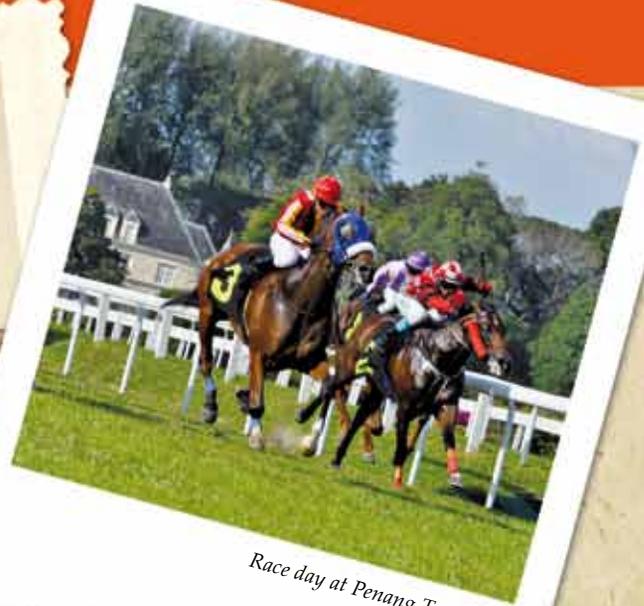
**1945** September — British forces land in Penang and Singapore.

Racing resumes in Penang Turf Club with Grand Victory Meeting at Batu Gantong on September 29.

**1946** April — Singapore becomes a separate crown colony from Straits Settlements and Malay States.



*The grandstand at Batu Gantong racecourse in 1939*



*Race day at Penang Turf Club*

- 1957** Birth of the Federation of Malaya.
- 1961** Straits Racing Association becomes Malayan Racing Association. Racing (Totalisator Board) Act, Federation of Malaya — an Act to provide for the establishment of a Totalisator Board with the powers to conduct betting, equine research and to establish, maintain and improve the Malaysian Turf Clubs.
- 1963** Singapore, British North Borneo and Sarawak join Malaya to form the Malaysian Federation.
- 1965** Singapore separates from Malaysia to become a Republic.
- 1993** Selangor Turf Club moves to new racecourse at Sungei Besi.
- 1999** September — Singapore Turf Club moves to new racecourse in Kranji. Twilight and night racing begins.
- 2000** First running of Singapore Airlines International Cup. Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup becomes the first million-ringgit race in Malaysia.
- 2002** November — Penang Turf Club members vote to build a new ultra-modern racecourse. Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup stakes is raised to RM1.3 million.
- 2003** September — Astro Wah Lai Toi sponsors Penang Sprint Trophy. Stakes increased to RM1 million. Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup stakes is raised to RM1.35 million.
- 2005** March — Youth and Sports Minister Dato Azalina Othman Said officiates at the ground breaking ceremony of the Penang International Equestrian Centre.
- 2009** Stakes for Malaysian Magic Millions Classic raised to RM1 million, making Penang the first club to host three million-ringgit races.
- 2010** Refurbishment of the main racing track.
- 2012** The grass training track had undergone repair and restoration works.

# BRIEF HISTORY OF PENANG TURF CLUB



*David Brown, the first President of Penang Turf Club*



*Datuk Lim Huck Aik, the longest serving President of Penang Turf Club*



*The Penang Turf Club's racetrack with the Parade Ring in the foreground in 1980*

There has been organised racing in Penang for 149 years, with the Penang Turf Club having been founded in 1864.

But the first ponies from England started to arrive in Penang (formerly known as Prince of Wales Island) as soon as Francis Light hoisted the Union Jack in 1786 at the Esplanade in honour of George, Prince of Wales, who later became King George IV.

An oil painting by William Daniell in 1818 (a year before the founding of Singapore) shows the view of North Beach from the Council House, depicts clearly four horses on the beach with their strappers.

However, the Sport of Kings only took off with the establishment of the Penang Turf Club. It was natural that David Brown, a member of the celebrated Gelugor family, should have been the first President and that a son

of his, D A M Brown, should at the turn of the century be Secretary and Clerk of the Course and in due time President.

The Club received a free land grant in Macalister Road for its course of seven furlongs and 81 3/4 yards. Here the first stands and buildings of wood and attap were put up in 1869 and small annual meetings were started. Prizemoney was never more than \$600 for the whole meeting then.

The racecourse became the venue for recreation for the English gentlemen and ladies as the sport was confined exclusively to the Europeans. Even then, the influence of the East was prevalent as can be seen in a trophy laced with Chinese dragons in 1878.

By 1898, Penang was holding two meetings a year, two days in January and two in July, known as the Spring and Autumn races. Prizemoney for the year totalled \$5,950. Race days were



usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays and were declared public holidays in the Straits Settlement of Penang.

Even the funicular hill railway timetable was scheduled to coincide with race days. Hence, the late trains up the hill were on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This practice was discontinued only recently.

In 1900, new and substantial stands were built. These were to serve the Club for nearly 40 years until the Club acquired its present 93-hectare site for \$250,000 at Batu Gantong in 1935.

At the three-day January meeting in 1907, the stakes totalled \$26,000. There were entries from the Federated Malay States, Singapore, Burma, the Netherlands Indies and India. Membership was then 500.

Locals became involved in racing by the turn of the century and among the prominent Penang owners were Dr P V Locke, Lee Toon Poon, Chung Thye Siong and his brother Chung Thye Pin, whose Devilment won the Singapore Derby in 1905. Chung Thye Pin donated a cast-iron water fountain to the Club in 1904. This fountain is now relocated to the front of the

golf clubhouse.

World War I held up the growth of racing throughout the region and it had barely had time to get going again before it was badly affected by the Depression of the Thirties.

Nevertheless, Penang went ahead with the purchase and construction of the new course and stands at Batu Gantong in a splendid setting. Work was completed at a cost of \$350,000 and the course was opened on May 27, 1939 by J D Kemp, who was President when work began in 1936.

The course is nine furlongs and 94 yards. The Club also has a golf course with seven holes in the centre of the course proper and 11 holes in adjoining areas. The three-floor grandstand is of the most modern design, giving all seats a clear view of racing. There are excellent totalisator and other facilities and an infield indicator board. Racing



Horse statue created by sculptor Jonathan Knight



can also be viewed from tea pavilions for members and Ordinary Members.

When World War II broke out there were over 100 horses in training at Penang. Largely due to the efforts of Ong Huck Lim, a prominent Chancery lawyer who later became President of the Club, racing managed to carry on between 1942 and 1945.

With Lieutenant Colonel Drake-Brockman, Ong worked on rehabilitation after the war and they were later joined by C D D Hogan, a former President, in ensuring a return to pre-war standards. Lee Toon Poon, for many years a prominent supporter of the Club, became President and he was succeeded by Tan Sri Lee Tiang Keng and Datuk Lim Huck Aik.

Datuk Lim was the longest serving President, from November 1958 until his retirement in July 1982. He must be remembered as the person who is instrumental in turning the Penang Turf Club from the verge of bankruptcy (in those early days) to what it is today.

The end of 1978 marked the opening of the Grandstand Extension Building which was built adjacent to the existing grandstand. The new grandstand is a commendable piece of architecture that cost about RM4.5 million and took two years to build. This extension, which provides seating for 3,000 and standing room for 2,000, brought the Club's capacity to 8,000.

The new building with two tiers of public gallery and split level rows of chairs, gives an unobstructed view

of racing. The top floor houses the VIP suite, luxuriously finished with boxed in windows and skylights that allow for natural lighting of the lounge behind the viewing boxes. There were also cafeterias on the first and second floors.

The year 1980 was a very busy one for the Club. It marked the complete installation of a closed-circuit television system and also a new computerised tote sell/pay system. In December that year, the Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup Meeting was transmitted to the Perak Turf Club, marking the first-ever "live" telecast of races on the local circuit.

The year 2000 was also a significant one for the Penang Turf Club. Firstly, the Club co-hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> Asian Racing Conference with the Singapore Turf Club.

The same year, the Club staged the first million-ringgit race in Malaysia with the running of the Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup.

In 2003, Penang Turf Club added a second million-ringgit race to its calendar when prizemoney for the Sprint Trophy was raised to RM1 million with the sponsorship of Astro Wah Lai Toi.

In 2009, stakes for the Malaysian Magic Millions Classic was raised to RM1 million, making Penang Turf Club the first to stages three million-ringgit races in the country.

Refurbishment of the main racing track commenced on 5 July 2010 and was completed on 31 December 2010. It was re-opened for racing in March 2011. A total of RM16.5 million was spent to re-turf and to improve the drainage system of the race track.

The grass training track had undergone repair and restoration works from 1 January 2012. It was re-opened for training in May 2012. With these two upgrading works, Penang Turf Club's horse racing and training tracks are considered to be one of the best and safest tracks in the region.





# VIP BOXES & CORPORATE BOXES

Experience the thrills at the races and watch all the action live in the comforts of a private box



## VIP Boxes

*Level 3, New Building*

### ON-COURSE RACES RM1,200 per day

- 12 VIP box badges
- 3 'A' car stickers
- 3 sets of car entry coupons
- Complimentary tea, coffee & snacks during tea time
- Complimentary race books

#### Dress Code

- Gentlemen – Business suit and tie
- Ladies – Dress or pant suit

### OFF-COURSE RACES RM700 per day

- 12 VIP box badges
- 3 'A' car stickers
- 3 sets of car entry coupons
- Complimentary tea, coffee & snacks during tea time

#### Dress Code

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
- Ladies – Smart casual



## Corporate Boxes

*Level 2, O.M. Enclosure & Horseshoe Bistro*

### ON-COURSE RACES RM950 per day

- 12 corporate box badges
- 3 'A' car stickers
- 3 sets of car entry coupons
- Complimentary tea, coffee & snacks during tea time
- Complimentary race books

#### Dress Code:

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
- Ladies – Smart casual

### OFF-COURSE RACES RM700 per day

- 12 corporate box badges
- 3 'A' car stickers
- 3 sets of car entry coupons
- Complimentary tea, coffee & snacks during tea time

#### Dress Code:

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
- Ladies – Smart casual

Prices are subject to change | For more information and bookings, please contact Ms Jaime Lim at (604) 229 3233

# THE PTC GOLF SECTION

**A 18-hole golf course nestled within the grounds of the club**

Established in 1948, the golf course was constructed under the supervision of Tom Verity, a former professional at the Royal Selangor Golf Club. The course started with 9 holes in 1966 and later expanded to 18 holes with 9 holes constructed within the racing tracks, the most unique feature of the course.





### Course Information

- 18 holes Par 68
- **Men:** 5117 metres, **slope rating:** 119  
**course rating:** 66.8
- **Ladies:** 4468 metres, **slope rating:** 118, **course rating:** 68.1
- **Turf:** Cow grass on fairways and rough Serangoon on greens

### Operational Hours

Driving range

Monday – Wednesday (Closed Thursday – Sunday & Public Holidays)

8:30am – 12:00noon, 3:00pm – 7:00pm

### FEES & CHARGES

#### GREEN FEES FOR 18 HOLES

##### Weekdays

- Visitors (*walk-in*) RM95.40 (RM90 + 6% Gov Tax)
- Guests of Members RM74.20 (RM70 + 6% Gov Tax)

##### Weekends & Public Holidays

- Visitors (*walk-in*) RM180.20 (RM170 + 6% Gov Tax)
- Guests of Members RM116.60 (RM110 + 6% Gov Tax)

##### Other Charges

- Caddy Fees (*compulsory*) RM45.00 (RM40.00 + RM5.00 (*caddy fund*))
- Insurance RM 3.00
- Golf Set Rental RM50.00

For more information, please call the Golf Section at (604) 226 6701, fax (604) 226 6535

# PNTC EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Your chance to ride in style amidst  
nature's most untainted environment

Strategically located in the heart of Georgetown, the Penang Turf Club Equestrian Club provides equestrian facilities for both the leisure and performance rider. It is a riding school to best introduce you to the world of dressage, show jumping and good horsemanship by qualified coaches.



## RIDING PACKAGES – WEF 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

### ORIENTATION Level Horse Management Course (Compulsory)

- 32 hour course inclusive of materials and assessment. A Certificate of Attendance will be accorded to participants who complete the course.
- **With MyKad:** RM424.00 per person (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) inclusive of registration with Majlis Ekuin Malaysia.
- **Without MyKad:** RM524.00 per person (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) inclusive of registration with Majlis Ekuin Malaysia.

### BEGINNERS Riding Package

- Lessons are tailored to suit a group of 2 or more beginners or riders wishing to resume riding after a long break. Each session will last approximately 40 minutes with 25- 30 minutes of riding lesson.
- **With MyKad:** RM498.20 for a package of 8 lessons (inclusive 6% Gov Tax).
- **Without MyKad:** RM592.00 for a package of 8 lessons (inclusive 6% Gov Tax).



## PNTCEC & PEA REGISTRATION FEES

| <b>PNTC Equestrian Club (PNTCEC) Registration*</b> |                 |                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                    | <b>Adult</b>    | <b>Child (Below 18 years of age)</b> |
| PNTCEC Registration (one-off)                      | RM106.00        | RM 53.00                             |
| PNTCEC Annual Fee                                  | RM 53.00        | RM 53.00                             |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>RM159.00</b> | <b>RM106.00</b>                      |

| <b>Penang Equestrian Association (PEA) Membership*</b>                                                                                             |                 |                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Payment for PEA Membership Registration can be made with Ms Sharon Kow (Secretary) at 016-693 3716 or Mr. Charlie See (Treasurer) at 017-477 5222. |                 |                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Adult</b>    | <b>Child (Below 18 years of age)</b> |
| PEA Registration (one-off)                                                                                                                         | RM100.00        | RM 30.00                             |
| PEA Annual Fee                                                                                                                                     | RM100.00        | RM 30.00                             |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                       | <b>RM200.00</b> | <b>RM 60.00</b>                      |

*\*Payment of both annual fees must be made by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013.*

### BOOKING SYSTEM

- The club will accept bookings for 8 lesson packages paid in advance according to the availability of slots.
- Bookings can be made in advance to ensure your booking is secured.
- Cancellations –must be made 24hrs prior to your lesson during business hours (7.00 am – 12.00nn, 2.00pm – 6.00pm). In the event that no cancellations are made, the lesson will be charged accordingly. The Management reserves the right to cancel, postpone or re-schedule the bookings made.
- Bookings and payments can be made at the Equestrian office during business hours as mentioned above.

*Important Phone Numbers: 04-827 6598 (O), 016-410 0807 (Johari), 012-380 5769 (Edric), 016-626 1972 (Pauline).*



### STANDARD Riding Package

The standard package caters to group of 2 or more riders combined according to the riders' level of competency and age. Riders at this level should be able to ride independently. Each session will last approximately 40 minutes with the riding lesson at 25-30 minutes.

- **With MyKad:** RM424.00 for a package of 8 lessons (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax).
- **Without MyKad:** RM524.00 for a package of 8 lessons (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax).
- **Ordinary Member of PNTC:** RM254.40 (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) for a package of 8 lessons.

### ADVANCED Riding Package

The Advanced Riding Package is suitable for competitive riders who require improvements on their standards and riding skills OR individuals/groups wishing to begin their riding experience specially designed by a Level 2 Coach, Mr. Johari Lee. Lessons are either in Groups of 2 -4 riders or on Individual basis. Each session will last approximately 40 minutes.

#### Group

- **With MyKad:** RM594.00 (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) for a package of 8 lessons.
- **Without MyKad:** RM706.00 (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) for a package of 8 lessons.

#### Private Lessons

- **With MyKad:** RM721.00 (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) for a package of 8 lessons.
- **Without MyKad:** RM857.00 (inclusive of 6% Gov Tax) for a package of 8 lessons.

# CLUB BUNGALOW AT PENANG HILL

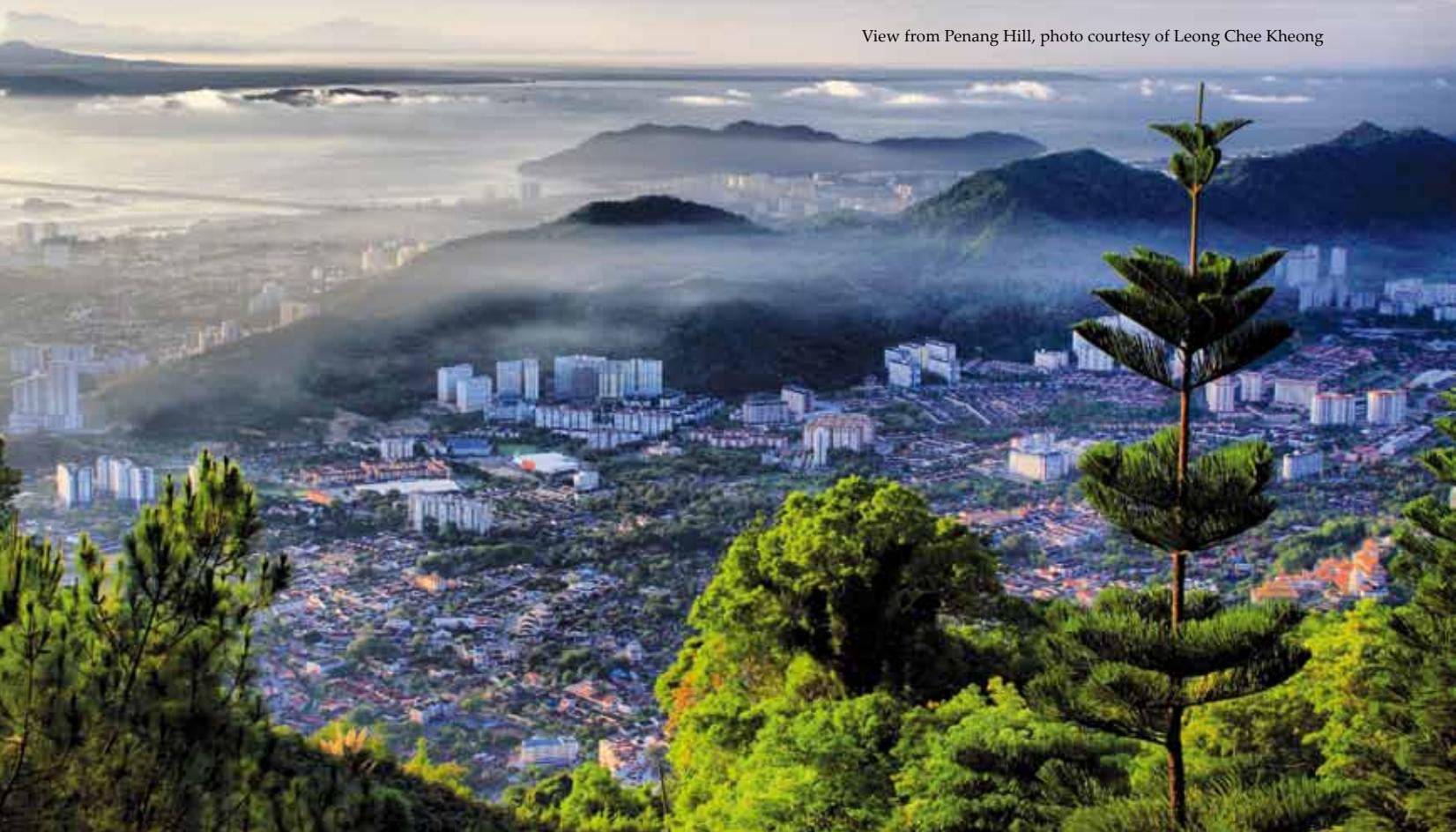
**Retreat from the world to the  
stunning Penang Hill and discover  
a tranquil haven**

The Penang Turf Club bungalow, warm and inviting, stands in all of its charm, more than 500 metres above sea level. Located a mere ten-minute walk from the Viaduct Funicular Train Station, the club's bungalow is peacefully tucked away amidst the very best nature has to offer - lush greenery and fresh cool air.

The bungalow embraces a splendour of old-world design; its living area, dining hall and bedrooms are all seamlessly integrated, allowing natural light to flow through the entire bungalow, creating a sense of tranquillity and open space. With a bird's eye view of Penang island, its beautifully landscaped garden is adorned with an abundance of colourful rose bushes in bloom. Definitely a sight to behold!



View from Penang Hill, photo courtesy of Leong Chee Kheong





**BUNGALOW AMENITIES**

- Fully furnished master bedroom with King sized bed and en suite equipped with shower stalls and water heater
- Two other fully furnished bedrooms with:
  - King sized bed
  - Queen sized and one bunk bed
- Fully equipped common bathroom and toilet facilities
- Spacious living area complete with television with satellite channels, DVD player and Karaoke machine
- Dining hall which fits a minimum of eight persons
- A fully equipped kitchen

**ADDITIONAL COMFORTS**

- Refrigerator
- Washing machine
- Ironing board and iron
- Catering services on request

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

- Outdoor BBQ
- Mahjong set and table
- Carrom set and table
- Table tennis
- Various board games and playing cards



**RENTAL RATES\***

|                            |       | Check In<br>2.00pm | Check Out<br>12.00noon |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Nights Weekend Package   | RM400 | Friday             | Sunday                 |
|                            |       | Saturday           | Monday                 |
| 3 Nights Weekend Package   | RM600 | Friday             | Monday                 |
| Weekdays                   | RM200 | Monday - Thursday  | Next Day               |
| Friday / Saturday / Sunday | RM250 | per night          |                        |
| Eve of Public Holidays     | RM250 | per night          |                        |
| Public Holidays            | RM250 | per night          |                        |
| School Holidays            | RM250 | per night          |                        |

**\*TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Available for rental to Penang Turf Club Ordinary Members (OM) only.
2. Bookings must be made at least 2 weeks in advance and will only be accepted with full payment.
3. A security deposit of RM500.00 will be applicable with each booking. This deposit shall be used to make good against any property damages howsoever caused by the member or his guest(s) during period of stay.
4. A cancellation charge equivalent to a night's stay (RM200.00 or RM250.00) shall be charged for any cancellation made after booking has been confirmed and/or accepted by the Club.
5. Please note that all bookings are subject to availability.
6. Priority will be given to the Club's functions and activities

Prices are subject to change | For more information and bookings, please contact Mr Tan Boon Kuan at (604) 229 3233

# THE HORSESHOE BISTRO



Located at Level 2 of the Club, the Horseshoe Bistro is a modern contemporary private enclosure exclusively designed to cater for large groups of tourists who have purchased the Tourist Package. It is also available as a function space to hold private parties and corporate events.

## TOURIST PACKAGE

The Tourist Package is a specially designed package for visitors who are interested to attend the local races.

At RM48 per person, it includes:

- Admission ticket
- RM14 prepaid betting slips
- Club postcards and brochures
- Complimentary parking

## Dress Code

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
- Ladies – Smart casual

The Tourist Package can be pre-purchased or purchased on race days at the main entrance of the club. Prices are subject to change.

## Enquiries:

Please contact the following persons at (604) 229 3233.

Tourist Package - Ms Adeline Goh (Adelle) or Ms Adeline Khoo  
Events at the Horseshoe Bistro - Ms Adeline Goh



# THE PNTC MUSEUM

Take a trip down memory lane where the Club's oldest and fondest are housed

From antique trophies, cups and other valuables to paraphernalia like badges, admission tickets, race books and racing calendars dating back to 1912; a wide range of artefacts can be found in the museum located at the Ground Floor of the Club.

Take the opportunity to browse through the exhibits on on-course race days and learn more about the history of the club.



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