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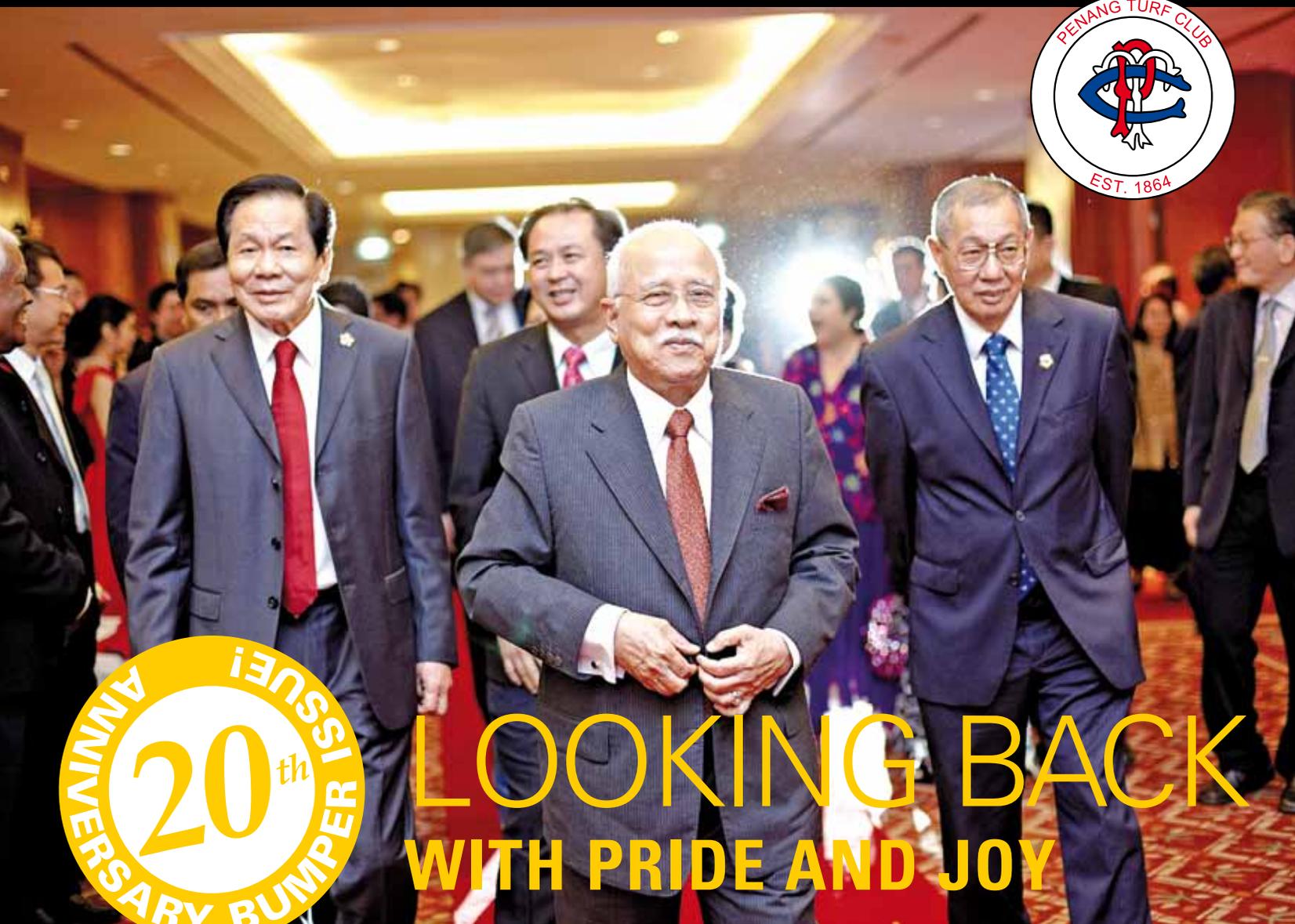
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EDITOR'S NOTE



As we approached the 150th anniversary of the turf club next year, it is appropriate for us to reflect on our past achievements and our journey through 150 years to be where we are today. Next year also marks the 118th anniversary of the establishment of the Malayan Racing Association. We have indeed come a long way and we should look at our heritage with pride from the time of the landing of the first English horses which had endured the long grueling sea journey round the Cape of Good Hope for the British garrison in Penang in 1786. It was another 187 years down the road that we saw the arrival of 25 horses by air at Bayan Lepas International Airport that had flown in from Standsted, England after a 25-hour flight by a Transmerican Aircargo CL 44 plane for the powerful Teh Choon Beng stables. On hand to greet the horses was a young Penang trainer Teh Choon Beng. This shipment by air was significant even though it was preceded by the first shipment of 14 horses by air to Bayan Lepas in 1971. That shipment then was made possible by the legendary former top trainer, Doc Rodgers but on hand to greet the horses was Teh Choon Beng who had just been licenced as a trainer by the MRA. Although it was his first experience, the gigantic task of transferring the horses from the plane to his stables was well executed by him. Up till today, no other trainer has single handedly purchased so many horses for one stable alone. There had been many "firsts" and records in the MRA set by our Club and we were rightfully referred to as the "Home of Champions". We stamped our dominance in the MRA racing circuit year after year for almost two decades when we saw Batu Gantong-based Auric Stables topped the owner's championship for sixteen consecutive years and Teh Choon Beng was MRA's leading trainer for an incredible thirteen times. These and many other records set by us remained unbroken up to date. We are the first Club to run a million dollar race in the year 2000 and the highest stakes monies ever paid out was the RM1.35million Penang Gold Cup in 2003. Our 150 years is also a story of Penang in its transition from a British settlement to be where we are today in the Malaysian Federation. It is also a documentation of the personalities and who's who in the State of Penang when racing held sway over the social life of Penang residents for many years. What began as an afternoon tea, gin and tonic social event, is now a multi-million dollar industry which once exceeded a billion in turnover. This sesquicentennial anniversary which comes only but once in a lifetime will no doubt be suitably celebrated and commemorated by the Club. We have every reason to be proud of ourselves as we are one of the few institutions

that had survived and withstood the sands of time when many organisations and even governments have come and gone within that duration.

Alas, our racing legacy is now facing unprecedented difficulties and challenges following the termination of the totalisator agreement by the authorised agent, Pan Malaysian Pools Sdn Bhd and the changing pattern of the country's lifestyle in pursuit of sports and recreation. We are also hampered by our lack of access in the electronic and digital media which are essential in propagating our sport. To keep horse racing afloat, the turf clubs had no alternative but to take over and conduct betting operations. If betting is properly regulated, there is no reason why racing cannot be sustained and improved further. We have survived many crisis before, the separation of the two totalisators of Malaysia and Singapore and the end of the cross border racing between the two countries. Through sheer determination, cooperation and a lot of hard work, the Clubs have emerged from these crisis, amidst a few bitter lessons learned.

The Committee has undertaken what is necessary to further promote the objectives of the racing club. Over the years, marked improvements had been made to the existing training facilities, the rejuvenation of the race tracks and renovation to the grandstand and ancillary facilities of the turf club to ensure thoroughbred racing will go on for the foreseeable future. For this year, we still have RM1million race, the Malaysian 2013 Magic Millions Classic which is the only million dollar classic race in our country. In commemoration of our sesquicentennial anniversary, the Club will also be staging the 150th Anniversary Cup Race consecutively for three years in 2014 offering a prizemoney of RM300,000, 2015 RM400,000 and 2016 RM500,000. The Anniversary Cup Race will be run on June 1, 2014 and a grand Anniversary Dinner is on the cards to kick off the sesquicentennial celebrations.

This December, another milestone was reached, being the 20th year since the first issue of Front Runner was rolled out from Batu Gantong. It remains the Club's authoritative journal which chronicles and records racing events, personalities and happenings in and around the racing world. Front Runner has definitely evolved over the years from the inaugural issue of twelve pages to be a professionally produced racing magazine. This bumper issue continues the Club's traditions and we have reproduced the best in Front Runner for the last twenty years for members to reminisce. Front Runner extends seasons greetings and wishes all its readers a Happy New Year and a Happy 150th Anniversary to one and all!



Ladies day at the races

JULY SPRINT TROPHY
MEETING 2013



A COSMOPOLITAN AFFAIR

Women at play – cocktails, chocolates, fashion and fun!



Sunday, 14th July 2013

“New York! These streets will make you feel brand new! Big lights will inspire you! Hear it from New York, New York, New York!” Alicia Keys’ hit song reverberated through the walls of the Horseshoe Bistro, a pulsating precursor to the event that is about to unfold within.

Twelve noon marked the ‘boarding’ time as the ladies begin to arrive at a Horseshoe Bistro that has been transformed into a New York themed venue.

A cosmopolitan party vibe was palpable and the ladies were all set for a good time at the races.

Bright fuchsia with classic black and silver bling set the event’s theme colour, setting the tone in everything from invitation card to the décor at the party venue. Coupled with a backdrop and wall posters featuring scenes from the Big Apple, it was obvious to most that the entire set-up was largely inspired by the hit TV series and movie “Sex in the City”. And indeed, what could be more apt, as

it’s fashion and fun with ladies at their playful best – albeit with the excitement of horse racing thrown into the mix!





Welcome aboard!

A *Cosmopolitan Affair* – Ladies Day at the Races was held in conjunction with the July Sprint Trophy Meeting Festival and the running of the RM500,000 Sprint Trophy Race. Over 80 sophisticatedly dressed beauties don their best hat and stepped forward in their designer heels.

At the Horseshoe Bistro, the ladies were visually greeted by iconic scenes of New York city – a backdrop of Manhattan's skyline, posters of the city subway and a captivating scene of the NYC Times Square that served as the event's photowall. It was here that the ladies had their red carpet moment – to be photographed like an A-list movie star. Yes, they were ready for a ball of a time!

Ready, Set, Action!

The afternoon's programme kicked off with a special screening of the event's video teaser (for those who had missed it, do watch it on the club's Facebook site) followed by a round of Cosmopolitans for all. Adding to the delight of the ladies, the specially-made martini glasses were theirs to keep as a memento. Apart from that, guests were also given stiletto-shaped chocolates courtesy of *Chocolate Passion*, Penang's leading chocolate café, as well as personalised coasters to place their Cosmopolitans on.

Hosted by emcee Mark Felix, the afternoon was already in full swing by the time the Eastern & Oriental Hotel's finest dishes were served on the buffet spread for lunch. From tasty mains to specially designed cupcakes decorated with 2D graphics of shoes and handbags and even fuchsia coloured macaroons, each scrumptious dish was prepared with the discerning lady in mind; to feast their sights and palates.







Fun & fashion on the turf

A veteran in the fashion scene, Ranndy Goh staged the debut showcase of his latest collection, *Select by Ranndy Goh* specially on Ladies Day. Featuring layers of chiffon in vivid colours, Ranndy's creations exude feminine grace and casual ease.

Next up was *Aden Yong*, one of Penang's most talented designers. Aden's haute couture gowns are both elegant and sexy, aimed at accentuating the female silhouette and celebrating the sensuality of a woman's curves.

To complete the ensemble, both Ranndy and Aden's collections were accompanied by jewellery from *Lorenzo Jewellery*, a renowned jeweller which needs no introduction and *Opera Shoes*, every girl's shoe haven.

The fashion segment of the event concluded with a fashion showcase by the *French Connection UK*, and a display of designer handbags such as Prada, Miu Miu and Yves Saint Laurent which were imported by *Label Trunc*.





Spoil yourselves!

This year's makeup and hairdo touch-ups were provided with compliments of *Stella-In International*, Malaysia's leading beauty academy. Guests were not only spoiled with complimentary makeup and hair-do touch ups, but they were also offered body and hand massages and even intricately drawn body art. Each lady also received exclusive imported Exuviance skincare sachets and vouchers worth RM50.

The beauticians from Stella-In were kept on their toes in between the races and fashion shows. While the girls focused on maintaining their absolute best, they were even more focused on the best dressed prizes comprising exquisite Lorenzo diamond pieces and two cash prizes of RM1,000 each.





Fashion Front-Runners

Judging for the winner of Best Dressed proved to be a tough feat in a room-full of beauties. Every hat was unique, every stiletto menacingly sexy, every outfit worn to flattering effect – and every lady, a winner. The ladies had all put in effort with a capital E, and they dazzled.

In the end, it was Ms Lim Su Mei who bagged the first prize wearing a white custom-made dress by local designer Jason Yek, paired with matching white hat purchased in Paris. She took home a white gold diamond pendant and necklace set sponsored by *Cox Rayner Architects, Australia*.



Looking chic in a white dress embroidered with blue motifs, with matching blue stilettos, hat and satin mini gloves, and looking very much like the TV character herself, Ms Teh Han Nii clinched the second prize of a white gold diamond pendant and necklace set, also sponsored by *Cox Rayner Architects, Australia*.

Mrs Cally Kruger from Australia, looking glamorous in an all-black number embellished with diamantes, snagged the third prize of a white gold diamond bracelet sponsored by *Akitek Neoh*.

A total of 12 best dressed prizes worth more than RM40,000 were presented to local as well as overseas guests. They were generously sponsored by *Cox Rayner Architects Australia, Akitek Neoh, Crispin Bennett International Horse Transport Pty Ltd, William Inglis & Son Ltd Australia* and *O'Driscoll Produce of Australia* respectively.

30 lucky ladies also walked home with lucky draw prizes worth approximately RM13,000 in total. Prizes such as skincare and fragrances, time pieces, hotel stays and even bed linen sets styled after Laura Ashley's classic designs were up for grabs. The top prize of a four days / three nights cruise to Phuket and Krabi for two, courtesy of *Star Cruise*, went to lucky club member, Ms Jacqueline Lee. Other attractive prizes were sponsored by *Sisters Magazine, OG Textiles, Hard Rock Hotel, Hotel Equatorial Penang, G Hotel, Traders Hotel* and *Tumasek Pewter*.





Every once in a while,
a girl has to indulge herself!

~ Carrie Bradshaw





Farewell ladies!

As the event was about to conclude, one last surprise was presented – a bright fuchsia Birkin! Inspired by the iconic Hermès Birkin handbag, the event’s eco version of the bag, filled with goodies that included a customised ‘Hollywood’ photo frame complete with each participant’s photograph taken during the event, was given to all present. It was all smiles and happy chatter as our starlets for the day left the venue with great memories and new friends.

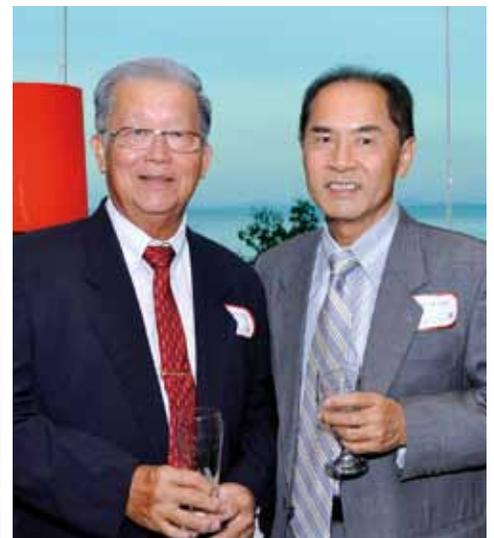
As printed on event’s invitation card: “Every once in a while, a girl has to indulge herself!” (*Carrie Bradshaw, Sex and the City*). And I’m pretty sure every girl did.



Report by
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JULY SPRINT TROPHY MEETING DINNER

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Aid to Students

Hundreds benefit from Penang Turf Club's Scholarship Awards



Penang Turf Club has since 2006 given out hundreds of thousands of ringgit to help financially needy and academically deserving students in their education.

The Scholarship Awards are given to students in Form 4, Form 5 and Form 6 who have good academic results and those who excel in sports. Priority is given to orphans, students with single parent and parents earning less than RM1,500 a month.

The Scholarship Awards are subject to terms and conditions stated in the Scholarship agreement and there is no bond attached to the scholarship.

This year, a total of RM212,500 was distributed to 262 students who each received between RM300 and RM1,200 with the highest amount given to students in Form Six.



Flying Bear (red cap) winning in a field of 20 runners at Goodwood



Flying START

Flying Bear gives Penang Turf Club's plan to buy British a winning boost

After years of buying from sales Down Under, Penang Turf Club is ready to import horses from Britain for the first time in nearly three decades.

The Club has teamed up with Horses First Racing to identify suitable ones for importation, subject to freight charges being competitive.

Already, the Club's initial investment in a two-year-old named *Flying Bear* (*Kodiac - Marinebird* by *Bad As I Wanna Be*) is paying good dividends.

Penang Turf Club's purchase of horses from the sales Down Under — mooted and handled expertly by Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng — has been very successful. The most recent notable successes came on July 28, 2013 in Ipoh when *Ghost Street* (*California Dane - Pomme De Here* by *Dehere*) won the RM200,000 Malaysia 3YO Champion Final and *Joe Czarina* (*Falvelon - Czarina* by *Royal Academy*) captured the RM400,000 Sultan Gold Vase.

The Club had purchased *Ghost Street* for RM25,000 as a yearling and paid RM85,000 for *Joe Czarina*.

Horses First Racing is a top-class training facility run by Eamonn Wilmott and trainer Jeremy Gask, based in Wiltshire. Gask, who hails from Australia where he was a professional Aussie Rules footballer and state cricketer before turning to training, uses a combination of the most advanced scientific tools and his years of experience (training over 400 winners worldwide) to get the best from every horse in his care.

The Flying Bear Partnership, of which the Club has an interest, bought *Flying Bear* for 30,000 Guineas at the 2013 Doncaster 2YO Breeze Up Sale in April this year.

The colt began racing a month later, finishing third in his debut at Kempton. This was followed by a second and a fourth before *Flying Bear* won a Class 2 race over 6 furlongs (about 1,207m) during the Glorious Goodwood meeting in August.

Two starts later, *Flying Bear* was back in the winner's circle, this time carving out a narrow win (by a nose) in another Class 2 race over 5 furlongs (about 1,005m) at Ascot.

"Eamonn is trying to get the Club to come back again. I think that the prices are competitive so we may be able to buy horses which we can bring back to Penang and then lease them to our owners. We would like to attract new owners and this might be a way of doing that," said Dato Seri Teh.

During his training career which brought him 13 MRA championships, Dato Seri Teh captured several major races with British bred horses such as his first Singapore Derby winner *Forest Jim* in 1971 and *Courtline Jester*, the last of his five Derby winners in 1995.

In 1973, Teh flew in 25 horses from Stansted via Karachi but has not been active at the sales since 1986.

"Frankly, I got priced out of the market and went to New Zealand and Australia instead."

"I doubt we will be buying at the most prestigious sales in Britain but we will be looking to the breeze ups and things like that. We hope to buy maybe half a dozen to start with and build from that — but the freight costs will be crucial," he said.



Flying Bear winning in a tight finish



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HONOURS EVEN

Malaysian and Singapore horses share eight staging of Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup in cross-border racing

Professional Man (with white blaze) leads the charge home in 2008



Malaysian trained horses and raiders from across the causeway have shared the honours in staging eight of the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup since the resumption of cross-border racing in 2005.

The presence of Singapore runners added a new chapter in the Gold Cup which was first run in 1921 as the Penang Gold Cup. The mighty *Three Rings*, *Prince Of Lalita* and *Moonbeam* were just three past champions whose names appeared in the roll of honour.

The Gold Cup was renamed in 1976 and continued to attract the biggest names in local racing each year.

In 1999, Malaysia and Singapore went separate ways and the Gold Cup was contested exclusively by Malaysian horses until 2005. It was during this period that we saw the emergence of arguably the best mare to grace our turf: *Confluence* (*Paris Opera* - *Tristrams Jewel* by *Sir Tristram*).

The New Zealand mare won the Gold Cup in 2001 and went on to win the Piala Emas Sultan Selangor (then run over 1,600m), the Coronation Cup twice, Selangor Gold Cup (then 2,000m) and Sprint Trophy in the following two years.

In 2004, *Confluence* earned an invite to contest the Singapore Airlines International Cup but unfortunately broke down during the race, bring her 12-win career to a premature end.

The resumption of cross-border racing in 2005 brought added excitement to the Gold Cup. Unfortunately for the locals, it was the Len Treloar-trained *Light Of Success* (*Military Plume* - *Scentessa* by *Scenic*) who edged out the Penang-based *Jeram*

Special (*Tayasu Tsuyoshi* - *Playtoss* by *Protos*) in a photo-finish.

In another blanket finish the following year, the Laurie Laxon-trained *Expunge* (*Gilded Time* - *Prime Again* by *Marooned*) denied *Light Of Success*, who by then was trained in Malaysia, a second consecutive victory in the Gold Cup with a short head-victory.

Trainer Frank Maynard restored some pride for Malaysia in 2007 when he sent out *New Kuala Dipang* (*Faltaat* - *Herbaceous* by *Lord Ballina*) to victory and the following year, Kevin Coetzee capped a championship season by saddling *Professional Man* (*Royal Academy* - *Mi Signora* by *Mi Preferido*) to the gelding's biggest win.

In 2009, no Singapore trained horse made the trip up north but the former Kranji based *Raul* (*Hideyoshi* - *Whisper To Me* by *Beau Sovereign*) created history by becoming the oldest



The 2009 winner Raul is the oldest horse to win the Gold Cup



Risky Business winning the Gold Cup in 2010 when it was run in Kuala Lumpur

horse to win the Gold Cup at the ripe old age of ten. *Raul* joined an elite band of horses to have won both the Singapore Gold Cup and the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup, having won the Singapore showpiece in 2004.

For trainer Evert van Breukelen, it was an unforgettable moment in his career as he finally achieved what his late father Eddie had done three times, with *Champion* in 1964, *Moonbeam* in 1969 and *Siapa Rajah* (*Good Brandy - Lefty*) in 1972.

For the first time in the history of the Gold Cup, the race was staged away from Penang in 2010 due to the closure of the main track at Batu Gantong for repair and upgrading of the drainage system.

Steven Burridge-trained *Risky Business* (*Danehill Dancer - Sky Watch* by *Star Watch*), who had earlier in the season won the Singapore Gold Cup, beat the cream of the stayers from Malaysia to triumph over 2,200m at Sungei Besi.

When the race returned to Penang in 2011, trainer Richard

Lines capped a title-winning season when he saddled *Tears To Diamonds* (*Royal Academy - Tears Of Argentina* by *Umatilla*) to victory in the Gold Cup.

Burridge won the Gold Cup for the second time last year when *Hint* (*Reset - Suggestive* by *Al Hareb*) easily accounted for his Malaysian rivals.

The great tradition of the Penang Gold Cup goes back as far as 1921 when *Haud* won over “one mile and distance” at the old racecourse in Jalan MacAlister.

Due to some inexplicable reasons, it was not until 1934 that the Gold Cup was run again, when *Star Player* was successful. *Knight's Eye* became the first horse to win the race twice, in 1937 and 1938.

In 1939, the Penang Turf Club moved to its new “home” in Batu Gantong and that year’s Gold Cup was won by *Royal Worlington*, after which racing was halted because of World War II.

The Gold Cup series resumed in 1948 when *Predominance* became the first post-war winner.

Col. Whatnot's second consecutive win in 1953 created history, for it was the first time a local jockey had won the Gold Cup. That honour went to Abdul Mawi, who two years later repeated the success on *Zabaglione*. Abdul Mawi rode at a time when the majority of the riders were expatriates, and that he was able to hold his own against the best when winning two Penang Gold Cups spoke volumes of his riding prowess.

Three Rings (*The Phoenix - Vanity Fair* by *Fairway*) won his first Penang Gold Cup in 1954 and repeated the feat two



The 2011 winner Tears To Diamonds



Hint galloping to an easy win last year

years later. It signaled the start of the “Doc Rodgers era”. The late veterinary surgeon-turned-trainer also won the Gold Cup in successive years with *Couag* (*Cagire - Uags by Buen Ojo*) in 1958, *Prince Of Lalita* (*Prince Chavalier - Lalita by Owen Tudor*) in 1959 and *Automation* (*Pink Flower - Perio by Historic*) in 1960, making it five wins in the space of seven years.

Three Rings also won the Singapore Gold Cup thrice in 1954, 1956 and 1957.

Moonbeam, the 1968 Singapore Gold Cup winner, won the Penang version the following year. There have been numerous other Singapore Gold Cup winners who also won in Penang.

However, *Ouzo* (*Oregon - Halloween by War Hawk II*), arguably one of the best horses ever seen on our shores, never won the Singapore Gold Cup but captured the Gold Cup in Penang in 1997, prior to the cross-border ban on the movement of horses. *Ouzo* went on to win the inaugural running of the Singapore Airlines International Cup in 2000.

But by far the most successful trainer in the Gold Cup series is Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng. Crowned champion trainer of the Malaysia and Singapore circuit 13 times, Teh won the classic seven times, a record which still stands despite Teh having retired from training in December 1995.

Teh first made his mark in the Gold Cup in 1974, when the race was known as the Penang Gold Cup, with *Shadowfax* (*Crepello - Martial Art*) and he followed up in the next season with *Mallane* (*Pall Mall - Aunt Florrie by Delirium*).

After the race was renamed in 1976, Teh saddled five more winners, the first being *Aylmer Road* (*Nashua - Take A Stand by Amerigo*) in 1978.

History was created in 1980 when the Teh-trained *Scaramouche II* (*Selhurst - On Par by Parma*) became not only the first three-year-old to win the Gold Cup, but also the first of his age to win any classic in the local circuit.

Five years later, Teh won again with *Truth* (*Brigand - Onserene by Oncidium*) who was ridden by apprentice Ismadi Ismail. A year earlier, Oo Khuang Liang had become the first apprentice to win the Gold Cup astride *St Gallen* (*Decies - Aminona by Oakville*).

Amazingly, *St Gallen* won the Gold Cup a second time after a lapse of four years, in 1988, when ridden by another apprentice Danny Chee. Oo, Ismail and Chee are the only apprentices to have won the race.

Maree Lyndon made history in 1987 when she became the first female jockey to win the Gold Cup on the Teh-trained *Turn Around* (*Sir Tristram - Cypon by Oncidium*). Another Teh’s stable jockey,

Kim Clapperton, emulated the feat in 1993 on *Jingle Bell V* (*Nassipour - Lady In Waiting by Tricrac*) and two years later scored again on *Courtline Jester* (*Caerleon - Bottom Line*).

In 1994, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup produced a “first” when Piaget, the French manufacturer of magnificent timepieces, presented a gift horse to the winning owners of the Gold Cup.

The gift horse was made possible by the efforts of Patrice Renaudin, the General Manager of French Breeders Association and Jean de Chevigny, the Manager of Union Nationale Interprofessionnelle du Cheval (UNIC). Jean approached the Chairman of Piaget International, Yves G Piaget, after they learned about the Club’s 130th anniversary celebrations from then Committee Member (Dato) Ong Eng Khuan, when he attended the Goffs France yearling sales at Saint-Cloud, Paris, in April that year.

The race with the added incentive was won by *Noble Spirits* (*Light Spirits - Stylish by Noble Bijou*), trained by Mohd Yusof. *Noble Spirits’* win in the Gold Cup, in part, earned him the Pan Malaysian Pools Horse of the Year title.

(The gift horse, named *Imperial Gold II* (*Funambule - Secret Foly by Procida*), went on to win six races including the S\$75,000 Bukit Timah Trophy, a feature race for Class 2 horses over 1,850m. He also finished third in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup and Singapore Derby in 1996 but his promising career was cut short by an injury sustained in the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup the same year when he pulled up lame.)

Following that, five other horses who won the Gold Cup have gone on to win the Horse of the Year title as well: *Confidence V* (*Serheed - Cherie Avion by Captain’s Wings*) in 1996, *Centrovie* (*Centro - Pineview Lass by Tom’s Shu*) in 1999, *Ballistic* (*Legend Wind - Island Fun by Pago Lago*) in 2000, *Confluence* in 2001 and *Tears To Diamonds* in 2011.

Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup Winners

YEAR	HORSE	OWNER	WGT	DIST.	TIME	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1976	Sentimental Journey	Dato Amar & Datin Amar Wee Hood Teck	56.5	2000m	2:12.2	C Gwilliam	I W Allan
1977	Super Level	Ng's Stable	51.5	2000m	2:03.4	L Khoo	K Leong
1978	Aylmer Road	Inderapura Stable	53	2000m	2:03.6	B Compton	Teh Choon Beng
1979	Valaisan	Equus Stable	50	2000m	2:03.2	G Podmore	I W Allan
1980	Scaramouche II	Auric Stable	50.5	2000m	2:05.6	C Gwilliam	Teh Choon Beng
1981	Persian Sapphire	Agasam Stable	61	2000m	2:04.0	A K Cheam	G Bougoure
1982	Betsy's Pet II	A & C Stable	52	2000m	2:02.6	T S Chiam	P Jaafar
1983	Full House II	Virgo Stable	57.5	2200m	2:15.9	A Tweedie	G West
1984	St Gallen	Equus Stable	55.5	2200m	2:12.9	App K L Oo	I W Allan
1985	Truth	Chens' Stable	54	2200m	2:14.1	App I Ismadi	Teh Choon Beng
1986	Sheikh II	NTT Stable	50	2200m	2:15.3	K C Ow Yang	S H Lee
1987	Turn Around	Auric Stable	48	2200m	2:14.1	M Lyndon	Teh Choon Beng
1988	St Gallen	Equus Stable	54	2200m	2:19.9	App D Chee	I W Allan
1989	Pacific Basin	Gold Stable	53.5	2200m	2:22.1	R Dominguez	Dr K C Yeoh
1990	Classic Account	Easy Stable	51	2200m	2:13.7	M Sng	Y F Lee
1991	Hard Rock	Kuo Stable	48	2200m	2:16.7	M Sng	Dr K C Yeoh
1992	Village Kid	Village Kid Stable	55.5	2200m	2:15.3	T Asogan	H B Lim
1993	Jingle Bell V	Auric Stable	56.5	2200m	2:17.0	K Clapperton	Teh Choon Beng
1994	Noble Spirits	Goh & Goh Stable	55	2200m	2:12.4	S Price	M Yusof
1995	Courtline Jester	Auric Stable	58.5	2200m	2:14.1	K Clapperton	Dr S H Tan
1996	Confidence V	Confidence Stable	57	2200m	2:13.5	L Sofhan	F Nathan
1997	Ouzo	Eres Tu No 2 Stable	49	2200m	2:13.5	S Sam	M P Thwaites
1998	Great Machine	Sungei Besi Stable	50.5	2200m	2:26.7	A John	M Ismail
1999	Centroviev	Jonathan Sargent	53.5	2200m	2:13.8	K L Oo	J Sargent
2000	Ballistic	Index Link Stable	51.5	2200m	2:17.9	J Saimee	S B Tan
2001	Confluence	Confidence Stable	51	2200m	2:15.1	O Chavez	F Nathan
2002	Xtherest	BMW Racing Stable	50.5	2200m	2:16.7	R oodworth	K Velu
2003	Louis Thirteen	SB Stable	51	2200m	2:13.1	L Sofhan	S B Tan
2004	Baby Star	Han Emperor Stable	50.5	2200m	2:16.7	M Wepner	M Zafir
2005	Light Of Success	Lucky Stable	55	2200m	2:14.5	A Spiteri	L Treloar
2006	Expunge	Mr John D Kilgour	51	2200m	2:12.5	A Spiteri	L Laxon
2007	New Kuala Dipang	Gold Plus Stable	50.5	2200m	2:12.9	S Salee	F Maynard
2008	Professional Man	Golden Knight Stable	50.5	2200m	2:15.5	I Azhar	K Coetzee
2009	Raul	Perfectum Stable	51	2200m	2:15.7	App L Ho	E Breukelen
2010	Risky Business	Results Stable	56.5	2200m	2:16.2	N Callow	S Burridge
2011	Tears To Diamonds	Tivic Stable	50	2200m	2:17.2	J Low	R Lines
2012	Hint	Arexeven Racing Stable	50.5	2200m	2:12.5	J De Souza	S Burridge



Penang Gold Cup Winners

YEAR	HORSE	OWNER	WGT	DIST.	TIME	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1921	Haud	—	54	1609m	1:57.8	R Hobbs	—
1934	Star Player	Mr Graham	51	1609m	1:40.6	D McPherson	R Billett
1935	Short Suit	T H Menzies	52	1609m	2:01.2	F Mayo	J Orchard
1936	Miltondale	A F Bruce	51.5	1609m	2:03.4	F Mayo	J Orchard
1937	Knight's Eye	Lee Soon Aun	54	1609m	1:50.8	D McPherson	R Billett
1938	Knight's Eye	Ng Chew Fong	55	1609m	1:53.6	E Donnelly	M Breukelen
1939	Royal Worlington	Mr Cheah	52	2212m	2:24.8	E Donnelly	M Breukelen
1948	Predominance	Teng Yin Fooi	53	2011m	2:12.6	J Donnelly	M Breukelen
1949	Madasari	Prosperous Syndicate	51.5	2011m	2:09.8	D McPherson	K Daniels
1950	Four O'Clock II	Eu Eng Hock	60.5	2212m	2:19.0	H Charles	F E Wadsworth
1951	Treasure Ship	Mesdames P H Chuah & Clare Chan	49.5	2212m	2:18.0	J Jones	C E Parker
1952	Col. Whatnot	Mr & Mrs Yeo Hock Seng	55.5	2212m	2:19.2	R Percival	M Breukelen
1953	Col. Whatnot	Mr & Mrs Yeo Hock Seng	49	2011m	2:05.2	A Mawi	M Breukelen
1954	Three Rings	E J Tan	50	2011m	2:07.2	H McCloud	J R Rodgers
1955	Zabaglione	T H Menzies	54	2011m	2:09.8	A Mawi	M Sullivan
1956	Three Rings	E J Tan	53	2011m	2:17.2	S Geyer	J R Rodgers
1957	Nazakat	Min Stable	54	2011m	2:05.4	K Mitchell	K Daniels
1958	Couag	Newlands Stable	49	2011m	2:06.6	J Forte	J R Rodgers
1959	Prince Of Lalita	Dr Lee Tiang Keng & C M Hashim	61.5	2011m	2:12.0	A Ward	J R Rodgers
1960	Automation	Chens' Stable	52	2011m	2:05.6	M Lee	J R Rodgers
1961	Repulse Bay	Giam Stable	51	2011m	2:18.0	K Mitchell	J E Martin
1962	Cash Inn	E L Chan	49.5	2011m	2:05.0	M Lee	Teh Say Leong
1963	Dark Romance II	Winning Stable	52	2011m	2:05.6	J Wilson	M Sullivan
1964	Champion	Veni Vici Stable	55	2011m	2:05.2	A Trevena	ET Breukelen
1965	Malapin	Triangle Stable	49.5	2011m	2:06.8	L Harbridge	RW Breukelen
1966	Parakee	Pengteng Stable	47.5	2011m	2:05.6	R G Kingston	J Donnelly
1967	Top Power	O W Wong	57	2011m	2:06.0	G Bougoure	RW Breukelen
1968	Chai Kian	Chefs' Stable	54	2011m	2:11.6	D Coleman	C Tulloh
1969	Moonbeam	MML Stable	48.5	2011m	2:07.0	M Lee	ET Breukelen
1970	Datin's Choice	Dato Amar & Datin Amar Wee Hood Teck	53.5	2011m	2:22.4	D Coleman	J Spencer
1971	Royal Mark	Chukell Stable	50	2011m	2:04.4	L Harbridge	C Tulloh
1972	Siapa Rajah	Dato Amar & Datin Amar Wee Hood Teck	49	2011m	2:05.6	D Coleman	ET Breukelen
1973	Firebrand	TBL Stable	55.5	2011m	2:06.2	D Coleman	I W Allan
1974	Shadowfax	Auric Stable	51.5	2011m	2:05.2	M Thomas	Teh Choon Beng
1975	Mallane	Goodman Stable	54	2011m	2:04.8	J Murray	Teh Choon Beng

Jockeys taking part in the Sprint Trophy pose for a photo before the event



Just Too Classy

Good Baby lives up to his name with runaway win in Sprint Trophy

Good Baby (Hussonet - Secret Haze by Danehill) completed a hat-trick of big race wins when he annihilated the field to win the RM500,000 Sprint Trophy over 1,400m in Penang on July 14, 2013.

For owners Golden Knight Stable, trainer Kevin Coetzee and jockey Azhar Ismail, it was the one big race in Malaysia that has eluded them until this year.

It was on the same track that *Good Baby* came into racegoers' attention when he triumphed in the RM1million Malaysian Magic Millions Classic in 2011.

Last year, the Australian gelding, who was passed in at A\$130,000 at the Gold Coast yearling sale but subsequently bought by Golden Knight Stable, won the Sultan Gold Vase (1,100m) in Ipoh.

This year, however, *Good Baby* is on top of his game and three consecutive wins against the best sprinter/milers around proves that.

The Kevin Coetzee-trained galloper won the RM300,000 MRA Cup (1,400m) in Ipoh in early March and later in the month, captured the RM300,000 Selangor Gold Cup (1,600m) at Sungei Besi.

Despite a break of three and a half months and the heavy going as a result of an overnight downpour,

Good Baby was installed favourite in the Sprint Trophy.



Good Baby leads the field home in the Sprint Trophy

Azhar confidently parked the gelding in midfield in the early stages of the running. Moving up swiftly round the home bend, *Good Baby* was within striking distance of the leader *Harrys Pal* at the top of the straight.

Good Baby hit the front soon after and cleared away from his rivals to win as he liked by four lengths.

Former Singapore galloper *King Empire* (Minardi - *Certain Edition* by *Kaaptive Edition*) put in a late bid to finish second, ahead of the winner's stablemate *Good Sight* (Lonhro - *Bonne Famille* by *Anabaa*).

It was the tenth win in 24 starts for *Good Baby* and brought his earnings to RM1,779,000 for champion owner Golden Knight Stable. Azhar has partnered him in all but one of the victories.

Prizes for the Sprint Trophy were presented by Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club.



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to trainer Kevin Coetzee



Jockey Azhar Ismail receiving his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan



The winning connections pose for a photo

SPRINT TROPHY

3 Year Olds and Above, Set Weights – 1,4000m

GOOD BABY (AUS)	5 G	K Coetzee	57	I Azhar	1
KING EMPIRE (AUS)	5 G	M H Wee	54	T Rehaizat	2
GOOD SIGHT (AUS)	6 G	K Coetzee	56	N Callow	3
COLIN THE FIRTH (AUS)	4 G	J Brink	54	M Wepner	4
HARRYS PAL (NZ)	6 G	D Miller	54	C Goon	5
JOE CZARINA (AUS)	5 G	S H Tan	53	J Shankar	6
GOOD JUDGEMENT (AUS)	6 G	K Coetzee	56	C Lindop	7
REBEL FURY (AUS)	6 G	S Edwards	57	J De Souza	8
ENGINE (AUS)	5 G	F Maynard	52	L Ho	9
BEAGLE (USA)	7 H	J Tan	54	Z Khairil	10
MAN OF SUBSTANCE (AUS)	4 G	S H Tan	52.5	W K Yan	11
NORTHERN LION (NZ)	6 G	H S Lim	55	K Y Yap	12

Going: Heavy Winning time: 1 min. 26.2 secs. Margins: 4 lengths, ½ length, neck.

Malaysia Boleh

Local bred Beautiful Choice wins Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association Trophy



Beautiful Choice in full flight

Already the best Malaysian bred the National Stud Farm ever produced, *Beautiful Choice* (*Super Istana* - *Bliss* by *Serheed*) continued to set new benchmarks.

The gelding made history last year when he became the first local bred to capture the RM250,000 Charity Cup (1,800m) in Ipoh.

It was only the second Malaysian bred to win a big race in the MRA circuit following the win of *Tuneful Melody* (*Gorytus* - *Real Snug* by *Realm*) in the inaugural running of the Raffles Cup in 1991. While *Tuneful Melody's* dam was imported in foal to Malaysia, both *Super Istana* and *Bliss* had raced in Malaysia before retiring to the breeding barn.

Super Istana won seven races including the Anniversary Cup (1,700m) in Penang. *Bliss* was placed four times without winning but is a full sister to *Confidence*, winner of 11 races including the Sprint Trophy, Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup and Piala Emas Sultan Selangor.

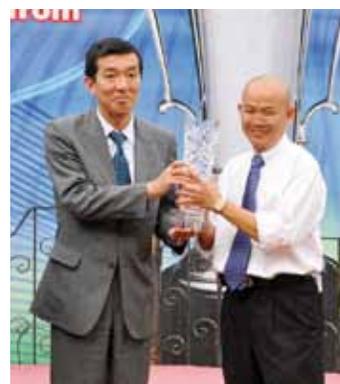
Right from the start of his career, *Beautiful Choice* has been consistent but without being brilliant. It was only towards the later part of last year that he served notice with two placings in the top class followed by the Charity Cup win.

Five unplaced runs later, *Beautiful Choice* regained his winning touch to win the RM250,000 Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association Trophy over 1,600m in Penang on July 14, 2013.

Ridden by Martin Wepner, he won by three and a quarter lengths from *April Rain* (*Hawkeye* - *Taveuni Flower* by *Gold Brose*) followed by *Ocean Present* (*Lucky Owners* - *Kirin Lady* by *Luskin Star*).

Trophies for the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association Trophy were presented by Koichi Shibata, Secretary General of the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association.

Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association, established in 1955, is a national organization of all racehorse breeders in Japan. It supports the advancement of breeding and pre-training as well as market distribution of racehorses in Japan and also works to promote exchange with other racing countries.



Koichi Shibata presenting the trophy to trainer Wong Kong Fatt



Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting a memento to Koichi Shibata



Group photo after the prize presentation



Quick Payoff

Money Machine wins Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy in second start

It is early days yet to see if *Money Machine* will turn out to be what his name suggests.

But the Australian gelding already had a good start in Malaysia when, in his second outing in the country, he captured the RM225,000 Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy staged over 1,700m in Penang on July 14, 2013 after finishing fourth in his debut the previous month.

Money Machine (*Testa Rossa - Tristavente* by *Sir Tristram*) raced for three seasons in Australia when known

as *Head For Heights*, for trainer Shane Edwards, winning his only run at two. He picked up another win turning four and was also placed four times from a total of 13 runs.

He was among a team of horses Edwards brought over with him when he relocated to Malaysia late last year.

After his encouraging debut, *Money Machine* was installed favourite in the Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy which was being staged for the first time.

Ridden by Martin Wepner, *Money*



Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting a memento to Michael Browell

Machine took command from the word 'go' and kept up a relentless gallop to win by half a length. *No Uncertainty* (*Trade Fair - Princess Camilla* by *King's Best*) threw everything at him in the final 100m but the leader refused to yield.

Raffles Pegasus (*Fusaichi Pegasus - Fanfares* by *Redoute's Choice*), who was second last of 16 runners at the home turn, flashed home third.

Michael Browell, Chief Executive of Moonee Valley Racing Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections.

Moonee Valley is the home of the Cox Plate, the Australasian Weight-For-Age Championship, the race where legends are made.



The winning connections pose for a photo with the Moonee Valley Racing Club delegation



Kawan Street holds off Ave The Snip to snatch victory



Datin John Lim Ewe Chuan with the winner's trophy



Penang Turf Club Committee Member Teoh Mei Shean presenting a memento to Greg Willis

Punter's Pal

Kawan Street makes amends to win Chatswood Stud Trophy

After a run of three consecutive placings early in the year, and was beaten favourite in his last two starts, a short spell was what *Kawan Street* needed to get back into the winner's circle.

That was exactly what happened when the Australian gelding lined up for the RM75,000 Chatswood Stud Trophy in Penang on July 14, 2013.

The Class 3 - 1,200 sprint drew a capacity field of runners and despite being away for four months, *Kawan Street* was installed favourite. The punters' confidence was boosted by the fact that Noel Callow was engaged on the runner.

The last time Callow rode the gelding they started odds-on and finished second. There was no mistake this time as *Kawan Street* led from start to finish to win comfortably by one length.

Ave The Snip (Snippetson - Aves by Prince Of Birds) chased him all the way to finish second, ahead of *Run For The Hills* (Oasis Dream - Maid For The Hills by Indian Ridge).

Kawan Street won his only start in Australia before coming to Malaysia. The Chatswood Stud Trophy win was his fourth in the country.

Trophies for the Chatswood Stud Trophy were presented by Greg Willis, Proprietor of Chatswood Stud, a world-class thoroughbred breeding operation with over 40 years of experience. Standing at the stud in 2013 are *Reward For Effort*, *Anacheeva* and *Purrealist*.



The winning connections pose for a group photo

LETTER FROM CHATSWOOD STUD



4 November 2013

Penang Turf Club

Attention: **Beng**

Dear Beng,

Firstly it was great to see you and members of the Penang Turf Club here at Chatswood last week for lunch and see some of our horses, (in action).

We are very proud to advise that a horse that was conceived, foaled and raised at Chatswood won the time honoured and Classic \$1.5 million VRC Derby on Saturday. The horse, **POLANSKI** was sold by Chatswood for a mere \$4,000 in Melbourne and now has won in excess of \$1 million AUD. He will win plenty more.

Horses also raised on our property include champions APACHE CAT, POMPEII RULER and FAIRWAY, all topline Group 1 winners.

Once again, it was a pleasure for us to host you and Turf Club guests, and we look forward to our next meeting.

King regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Willis".

Greg Willis
Chatswood Stud

Given the heavy going and the distance, the Class 5 - 2,000m handicap turned out to be the RM35,000 Dawson Stud Trophy in Penang on July 14, 2013 which was a wide-open betting race.

Lancer Man tried to take advantage of his light impost to lead from the start and was still in front at the home turn. But he soon came under pressure and *A Perfectionist* quickly pounced to hit the front.

Desert Soul (*Ferocity* - *Precious Princess* by *Precocious*), racing just behind the front-runners most of the way, charged through between runners at the 300m and went after *A Perfectionist*, racing past the new leader in a matter of strides to win drawing away by three and three-quarter lengths.

A Perfectionist (*Encosta De Lago* - *Perfecto* by *Peintre Celebre*), who started favourite at odds of 4-1, held on for second ahead of *Sunny Star* (*Vitrinite* - *Clouding* by *Sea Swell*).

Desert Soul had two unplaced runs in Singapore before he was shipped over to Malaysia to join trainer Wee

Mung Hua who has now managed to pick up four wins with the gelding.

Graham Daws, Proprietor of Dawson Stud, was on hand to present the trophies to the winning connections.

Graham and his late wife Christine have been breeding horses for nearly 30 years and own a majority share in the stallion *Bletchley Park*. The stud is due to relocate from its present site at Gosnells with the intention to continue to strive for excellence in its breeding endeavours.



Jockey Jai Shankar receiving his trophy from Graham Daws



The winning connections pose for a group photo

LONG TREK HOME

Desert Soul wins stamina test in Dawson Stud Trophy



Desert Soul wins drawing away from *A Perfectionist*

*Pretty maiden all in a row:
The happy connections
leading in Young Gun*

*Goh Soo Szee presenting the
trophy to trainer Jerome Tan*



Young Gun on Target

Eight-year-old shows plenty of fire to win Lorenzo Jewellery Trophy

After a luckless 2012 during which he was placed eight times without winning, *Young Gun* (*Three Wonders - Smoldering Embers* by *Raise A Man*) began the current season on a winning note in Ipoh in January.

Six months later, the eight-year-old showed that there is still plenty of fire left in him when he captured the RM55,000 Lorenzo Jewellery Trophy in Penang on July 14, 2013.

Costing US\$33,000 as a yearling, *Young Gun* won two races in his debut season in 2008 and picked up one win in the following three seasons before trainer Jerome Tan took charge of him in the middle of last year.

Tan's apprentice Khairil Izuan Mohamad Zulkiflee had ridden him several times in the past without success but he made it count this time around. Taking charge of the lead on settling down, the pair made every post a winning one to win by two lengths.

Second was *Pied Piper* (*Dubai Destination - Petousa* by *Redoute's Choice*) while the favourite *Taichi Master* (*Testa Rossa - Magical Sunday* by *Sunday Silence*) finished third.

Goh Soo Szee, Managing Director of Lorenzo Jewellery, gave away the trophies to the winning connections.



Group photo after the prize presentation

Long Way HOME

Kim Bay ends long drought with Lyndhurst Stud Trophy win



Kim Bay winning on a tight hold

It was the end of a long search to regain her winning form for *Kim Bay* when she won the RM55,000 Lyndhurst Stud Trophy in Penang on July 14, 2013.

The Australian mare started her career promising enough with an early win in late 2009 and added two more the following year.

But after notching his last win in January 2011, *Kim Bay* (*Theatre* - *Kim Hostess* by *Kingdom Bay*)

failed to find the mark again — although she was placed second four times — until her success in the Lyndhurst Stud Trophy.

While her rivals struggled in the heavy going in the Class 4 - 1,200m sprint, *Kim Bay* revelled on the going to lead all the way to win by two and a quarter lengths from the odds-on favourite *Cizen Man* (*Beautiful Crown* - *Momoco* by *Rory's Jester*) who was seeking to complete a hattrick from just four appearances. Third was *Sam The Man* (*Danske* - *Grace De Soir* by *Volksraad*).

Kim Bay is bred by her owner Chua Seng Guan at his farm in Western Australia where he stands the stallion *Theatre*.

Trophies for Lyndhurst Stud Trophy were presented by Jeffrey Kruger, Stud Manager/Director of Lyndhurst Stud, which is home to the stallions *Sequalo*, *Hidden Dragon*, *Drumbeats* and *Rash Action*. The stud also offers short and long term agistment, foaling down, walk on service to other breeding farms, sale preparation, racehorse spelling and education.



Trainer Wee Mung Hua receiving his trophy from Jeffrey Kruger



Penang Turf Club Committee Member Saw Lip Khai presenting a memento to Jeffrey Kruger



Group photo after the prize presentation



Raffles Knight winning the New Zealand Bloodstock Trophy



The Kiwi Connection

Former New Zealand winner Raffles Knight bags New Zealand Bloodstock Trophy



Michael Kneebone (left) presenting the trophy to trainer Frank Maynard

Although bred and sold as a yearling in Australia, *Raffles Knight* (*Encosta De Lago - Lady Circles* by *Ascot Knight*) began his racing career in New Zealand where he picked up two wins before heading to Australia, Singapore, and then Malaysia.

And it was in his fourth start in the country that he captured the RM55,000 New Zealand Bloodstock Trophy for Class 4 horses over 2,000m in Penang on July 13, 2013.

Ridden by apprentice Thanggarajaneesh Munusamy (M Ganeesh), *Raffles Knight* showed stamina to make most of the running to win by one and a quarter lengths from the favourite *Big Rock* (*Cape Cross - Crescent Moon* by *Mr Prospector*). Third in the relative small field of seven runners was *Dalmation* (*Viking Ruler - Tina Temple* by *Diamond Express*).

Raffles Knight cost a whopping A\$280,000 as a yearling and had a promising debut season as a three-year-old when he won at Pukekohe and Ellerslie and was placed fourth in the Group 2 Great Northern Guineas.

However, after three unplaced runs in Australia as a four-year-old he headed for Singapore where he managed just one win in 14 starts.

But trainer Frank Maynard has been able to nurse the gelding back to form in a short span of time.

Michael Kneebone, Director of Bloodstock & Sales (Asia), was on hand to present the trophies to the winning connections.

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The winning connections pose for a group photo

Group photo after the prize presentation



Lynne Patterson presenting the trophy to trainer Leong Poh Keong



Jockey Jose De Souza receiving his trophy from Lynne Patterson

STAR of the Park

Pisces Star too classy in Woodside Park Stud Trophy

He might be the only two-year-old in the line-up but *Pisces Star* (*Court Command - Lady Asha* by *Lead On Time*) shone brightest in the RM55,000 Woodside Park Stud Trophy in Penang July 14, 2013.

The Australian gelding went into the Class 4 - 1,200m contest on the back of two placings and a win in three starts in Restricted Maiden company.

It was his first start in open company and *Pisces Star* was up against some quality opposition, amongst them *Booky Boy* (*Christine's Outlaw - Book Value* by *High Estate*) who had a run of five consecutive placings including two wins.

But *Pisces Star*, trained by Leong Poh Keong and ridden by Jose De Souza, was simply too good for his rivals. Taking the lead from the start, he was chased by the two equal favourites *Booky Boy* and *Yoyo* but ran out winners by three and a half lengths from *Booky Boy*.

Yoyo weakened badly in the home stretch and it was *Say Stars* (*Kendel Star - Don't Say Don't* by *Don't Say Halo*) who snatched third placing.

Trophies for the race were presented by Woodside Park Stud Consultant Lynne Patterson.

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Jockey Azhar Ismail receiving his trophy from Amanda Sippel

Good Code winning easily from Flying Singa

COMING GOOD

Improved performance sees Good Code win Oakwood Farm Trophy

Good Code reversed a run of dismal performances to capture the RM35,000 Oakwood Farm Trophy (Class 5 - 1,400m) in Penang on July 13, 2013 — with a helping hand from jockey Azhar Ismail.

It was the first time the former champion jockey rode the American gelding and *Good Code* (*Good Journey - Relative Shade* by *Distant Relative*) was quickly into stride instead of trailing behind runners as in his previous starts.

Taking command on settling down, *Good Code* led all the way to win by one and a half lengths from *Flying Singa* (*Danasinga - Sing* by *Bluebird*) who chased him all the way in second place. Third was *Happy Melang* (*Mossman - Nashita* by *Spinning World*).

It was the fifth win in 34 starts for *Good Code* who cost just US\$1,300 as a yearling despite his fairly good pedigree.

His sire had raced in France, USA and Canada for seven wins including the Group 1 Atto Mile Stakes at Woodbine. His dam won twice in England and was placed in the USA.

Amanda Sippel, Administration Manager of Oakwood Farm, gave away the trophies to the winning connections.

Established in 1990, Oakwood Farm specializes in the selling of thoroughbreds and covers all sales throughout Australia. It is also engaged in thoroughbred spelling, yearling preparation and pre-training of racehorses.



The winning connections pose for a photo



Runaway Win

Distant Glory proves too good in Perth Racing Trophy

Distant Glory literally lived up to his name when he trashed his rivals in the RM35,000 Perth Racing Trophy (Class 5 - 1,400m) in Penang on July 13, 2013.

Ridden by up-and-coming apprentice Lam Siew Leong, the New Zealand gelding was simply too classy for his 14 rivals when he made all the running to win by five lengths, leaving the rest struggling in his wake.

And in the battle for second, *Glory Betting* (One Cool Cat - Hairini by Zabeel) just pipped *Lee's Fighter* (No Excuse Needed - Disguised by O'Reilly) by a nose.

Distant Glory managed just one win under three different trainers before he was transferred to Dr Tan Swee Hock, who then went on to win six races with the New Zealand gelding.

Trophies for the Perth Racing Trophy were presented by Graham Daws, a Committee Member of Perth Racing which has a proud history of hosting thoroughbred racing for over 150 years. Perth Racing operates and manages the two magnificent riverside racecourses of Ascot and Belmont Park, both situated minutes from the city.



Distant Glory returns to scale with Lam Siew Leong in the saddle



Group photo after the prize presentation



Dr Tan Swee Hock receiving the trophy from Graham Daws



Penang Turf Club Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng presenting a memento to Graham Daws



Colourland Kid charges home on the outside to snatch victory

The Shine is Back

Colourland Kid regains form after 12 months to win Royal Turf Club Of Thailand Trophy

It took *Colourland Kid* 12 months and a change of trainer to regain his winning form. And it could not have come at a better time for the Australian gelding.

Having just his second outing under trainer David Miller, *Colourland Kid* (*Dubleo - Carnegie Minstrel* by *Carnegie*) came from a long way back in the early running to snatch victory by a neck in the RM35,000 Royal Turf Club Of Thailand Trophy in Penang on July 13, 2013.

Second in the Class 5 - 1,400 handicap was *Cape D'Or* (*Cape Cross - Sombreffe* by *Polish Precedent*) while the favourite *Jai Ho* (*Var - Actress* by *Kahir Almaydan*) finished third.

It was also third time lucky for Azhar Ismail who rode *Colourland Kid* twice in 2010 without success.

Colourland Kid managed just one second placing in 11 starts since winning the Sharon Forrester-Jones Racing Group Trophy on this track last year before he was transferred to Miller. It was the seventh win overall for the gelding.

General Watanachai Chaimuanwong, President of Royal Turf Club Of Thailand, gave away the trophies to the winning connections.

The Royal Turf Club of Thailand was established in 1916 with the royal permission of King Rama VI, the sixth reigning king of the Chakri Dynasty. The Club's primary objective was not only to introduce the sport of horse racing to the Thai people but also to help upgrade and promote the improvement of Thai horses' ability and breeding standards.



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting a memento to General Watanachai Chaimuanwong



The winning connections pose for a photo with the Thailand delegation



Gutsy win by Vibrant Spirit in South Australian Jockey Club Trophy



The Spirit Returns

Vibrant Spirit wins South Australian Jockey Club Trophy after 12 fruitless months

When Chong Keng Leong paid A\$28,000 for a yearling by *Citidancer* out of the *Star Pak* mare *Star Party* at the Perth sale in 2003, it turned out to be the best buy the Ipoh trainer ever made.

That gelding, named *Free Spirit*, went on to win 14 races in Malaysia, including the Piala Emas Sultan Selangor, Coronation Cup, Selangor Gold Cup and Malaysian Magic Millions Classic, and amassed more than RM3.87 million in prizemoney.

It wasn't a surprise therefore that in 2008, Chong sought out his full brother and went to A\$70,000 at the sales to secure the gelding and named him *Vibrant Spirit*.

Vibrant Spirit has not been able to emulate the success of his champion brother, but nevertheless has won his fair share of races.

Almost a year after notching his last win, *Vibrant Spirit* bounced back to winning form to lead all the way in the RM35,000 South Australian Jockey

Club Trophy in Penang on July 13, 2013, when ridden for the first time by apprentice Tan Chee Kit in the reciprocal race. It was his fifth win.

Second in the Class 5 - 1,400m handicap was the favourite *Goldhill Winner* (*Medicean - Dance Away* by *Pivotal*) while *Bukit Fire* (*Spinning World - Aviance* by *Semipalatinsk*) came home third.

Steve Kelton, a Board Member of South Australian Jockey Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections.

A landmark decision to amalgamate the three metropolitan racing clubs in Adelaide (the South Australian Jockey Club, the Adelaide Racing Club and the Port Adelaide Racing Club) was made in 1976 to form the SAJC as it is known now.

The SAJC conducts 55 meetings each year on two world class turf tracks located at the Morphettville complex, complimented by training facilities for some 400 horses.



Steve Kelton receiving a memento from Penang Turf Club Committee Member John Alexander Rodgers



The winning connections with the South Australian Jockey Club delegation

NO FIGHTING BACK

Military Attack proves too strong in Korilya Stud Trophy

Military Attack lead D'Creator home in the Korilya Stud Trophy



The winning connections with Committee Members of Penang Turf Club



Teoh Mei Shean presenting the trophy to Noel Callow. Second from right is trainer LN Danis

Just two weeks back on the scene after serving a three-month suspension, trainer Luke Danis announced his return to action by saddling *Military Attack* (*Sippin' Bourbon – Pour Ma Mere* by *Blazcay*) to win the RM55,000 Korilya Stud Trophy in Penang on July 6, 2013.

The Australian gelding stayed on the sidelines when Danis was under suspension but showed no ill effect from the break in racing to win the Class 4 - 1,100m handicap comfortably by one and a quarter length.

It also marked Noel Callow's first appearance in Penang for some time.

Second was outsider *D'Creator* (*Stravinsky - Radio Sky* by *Kreisler*) who attempted to make all the running but was run down by *Military Attack* in the home stretch. *Jack Of Hearts* (*Pure Theatre - Treasured* by *Prized*) finished third.

Military Attack cost just A\$3,000 as a yearling and the trophy win was his third in seven starts.

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

Hundreds of winners have come from Korilya Stud, located in the south west of Western Australia in the heart of the wine country. In Malaysia, the winners include the 2006 Horse Of The Year *Triple Happy*, winner of nine races including the Sprint Trophy in 2006.



Trainer Bonny Ng receiving the trophy from Lim Ah Chuan (left) while other members of the Lim clan look on



Happy Realm (inside) just holds on to beat Engine by a nose

Happy Partnership

Ninth win for jockey Salee Saad on Happy Realm in Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy



Group photo after the prize presentation

Happy Realm must be one of jockey Salee Saad's favourite horses, considering that he has won nine times on the Australian gelding since they first struck a successful partnership in February last year.

Their most recent success (at the time of writing) came in the RM95,000 Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy in Penang on July 7, 2013.

But it was the hardest-fought for the pair as *Happy Realm* got the verdict by a nose ahead of *Engine* (*Testa Rossa* -

Marshow by *Marscay*) in a photo-finish. Third in the Table 1 race over 1,400m was *Happy Thoughts* (*Greenwood Lake* - *Hip Hop Anonymous* by *Stravinsky*).

Happy Realm won two races when trained by Thomas Gillespie and was briefly handled by Cecil Robert before Bonny Ng took over and won nine races with him.

The gelding was hand-picked by Penang Turf Club Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng at the yearling sale in Perth and the club paid A\$18,000 for him.

The Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy win took his earnings to just over RM543,000 from 11 wins and six placings in 36 starts.

Trophies for the race were presented by Lim Ah Chuan, brother of the late Dr Lim Ah Soo, a Committee Member of Penang Turf Club who was associated with horses and the racing industry for many decades and made countless sacrifices and contributions for the betterment of racing and the equine industry.

After winning back-to-back races last year, *Optimus Prime* (Zentsov Street - Care To Dream by Bletchley Park) went off the radar until his new owner Lee Peng Cheong decided to transfer him to trainer Cecil Robert in Penang.

Still, it was only in his third outing under his new trainer that *Optimus Prime* regained his winning form to capture the RM55,000 Gold Front Thoroughbred Trophy over 1,100m in Penang on July 7, 2013.

It also provided jockey Davy Bonilla with a lucky break as he was a last-minute replacement on the Australian gelding in the Class 4 contest.

After finishing down the field in his previous two starts, *Optimus Prime* jumped smartly and the French jockey immediately tucked him behind the pacemaker *Yoyo* (Bradbury's Luck - Cyclonic Miss by Hurricane Sky).

Optimus Prime had no difficulty overtaking *Yoyo* in the home stretch and raced away to win by one and a half lengths. *Yoyo* held on for

Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim presenting the trophy to jockey Davy Bonilla



PRIME TIME

Optimus Prime regains winning form in Gold Front Thoroughbred Trophy

Optimus Prime winning the Gold Front Thoroughbred Trophy



second ahead of the equal favourite *Thebetson* (Happy Giggle - Diamond Grove by Noalcoholic).

Interestingly, *Optimus Prime* was purchased by trainer Chong Keng Leong as a yearling but began his career in Singapore where he had two starts before moving to Malaysia. He won his first two races for trainer Katherine Hughes.

Trophies for the Gold Front Thoroughbred Trophy were presented by Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim, a Committee Member of Penang Turf Club.



The winning connections pose for a group photo

Back in Charge

Attorney General resumes after long spell to win Geisel Park Stud Trophy



Attorney General goes to the line on a tight hold

Owner Fred Crabbia's faith and perseverance with *Attorney General* was rewarded when the Australian gelding coasted to an easy win in the RM55,000 Geisel Park Stud Trophy in Penang on July 7, 2013.

Attorney General (General Nediym - Crimson Sakura by Bite The Bullet) had raced twice as a three-year-old in Singapore in 2011 for a first-up third and a win.

But a series of setbacks meant that he did not race again for 23 months until the Geisel Park Stud Trophy for Class 4 horses over 1,100m.

Earlier this year, it was also decided that *Attorney General* should continue his career in Malaysia under Irish trainer Thomas Gillespie.

Despite the long time on the sidelines, *Attorney General* showed a clean pair of heels to his rivals, leading from start to finish to win by three lengths in the Geisel Park Stud

Trophy. Second was *Thestarishere* (Musketeer - Kim City by Theatre) while *Equally Optimistic* (Show A Heart - Attend by Xaar) came in third.

Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan presented the trophies to the winning connections on behalf of Geisel Park Stud which offers first class agistment for thoroughbreds. All facilities at the farm have been purposely built to ensure the safety of the horses and maximise efficiencies.



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to trainer Thomas Gillespie



Apprentice MM Firdaus receiving his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan



The winning connections pose for a photo

Joe Czarina (inside rails) defeats a strong field in the Sultan Gold Vase



Joe Czarina RULES

Penang trained galloper defies rise in class to win Sultan Gold Vase

Joe Czarina, who had been racing – winning seven times – in the lower divisions until July this year, stepped up in class with distinction when he scored a surprise win in the RM400,000 Sultan Gold Vase over 1,100m on the straight course in Ipoh on July 28, 2013.

It also provided apprentice Chung Wah Thong with an unexpected win. Indentured to winning trainer Dr Tan Swee Hock, he only replaced the indisposed Jai Shankar at the eleventh hour and showed no nerves at all to pilot the gelding to victory.

Joe Czarina (*Falvelon* - *Czarina* by *Royal Academy*) struck his best form in more than two years when he reeled off a hattrick earlier this season.

In his first big test against the best sprinters in the country, *Joe Czarina* finished a creditable sixth to *Good Baby* in the RM500,000 Sprint Trophy (1,400m) in Penang on July 14, 2013.

While the top finishers in the Sprint Trophy probably feel the strain of having to race twice in 15 days, *Joe Czarina* proved he was up to the task.

Harrys Pal (*Ishiguru* - *Pompeii Kingdom* by *Pompeii Court*), who finished just one spot in front of *Joe*

Czarina in Penang, led from the start but the latter was able to run him down in the closing stages to win by three parts of a length. *Colin The Firth* (*All Bar One* - *Orchis* by *Octagonal*), who was fourth in Penang, improved to finish third.

Good Baby, the runaway winner in the Sprint Trophy and also the winner of the Sultan Gold Vase last year, started odds-on but was never in the hunt, finishing 11th.

Joe Czarina was purchased by the Penang Turf Club for A\$85,000 at the Horses In Training sale and raced by Czarina Stable. The Sultan Gold Vase win was his eighth in 28 starts.



Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim leads in Joe Czarina



Datin Ooi receiving the winner's trophy from Perak Turf Club Deputy Chairman Dato Cheah Choon King



Group photo after the prize presentation



Shipped to Malaysia after managing just one placing in six starts in Singapore, *Raffles Pegasus* is finally able to show the sort of form that brought him a win in the listed Anzac Day Stakes at Flemington as a juvenile in Australia.

Purchased for A\$100,000 as a yearling, the gelding had a promising start to his career with a win and three placings in six starts at two but headed for Singapore after three unplaced outings at three.

In Malaysia, *Raffles Pegasus* has shown his liking for the Penang track as he won his very first start on the course and the next time he raced there, he again triumphed in the RM55,000 Tattersalls Trophy on July 7, 2013.

And it was a runaway victory for the gelding who led all the way and won by four and a half lengths. Following him home were rank outsider *Coffeeshop Gossip* (*El Moxie - Manzie De Lago* by *Encosta De Lago*) and the favourite *Pied Piper* (*Dubai Destination - Petousa* by *Redoute's Choice*).

Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections on behalf of Tattersalls Ltd., United Kingdom. Founded in 1766 by Richard Tattersall, it is the oldest bloodstock auctioneers in the world and the largest in Europe.



Raffles Pegasus returns to scale with M Ganeesh astride



Trainer Frank Maynard receiving his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to M Ganeesh

Port of Call

Two wins in two starts in Penang for *Raffles Pegasus* in Tattersalls Trophy



Group photo after the prize presentation

The 2013 Malaysian 3YO Championship Final produces a blanket finish



A Victory for Penang

Ghost Street bags Malaysia 2013 3YO Championship Final in Ipoh

Ghost Street scored a thrilling victory in the RM200,000 Malaysia 2013 3YO Championship Final (1,200m) in Ipoh on July 28, 2013 to give trainer Jerome Tan his biggest win to date.

It was also a triumph for the Penang Turf Club who bought him for a modest A\$25,000 as a two-year-old at the Horses In Training sale for new racing outfit Ghost Stable.

Ghost Street (California Dane - Pomme De Here by Dehere) had a promising start to his career late last year with a win and second in his first three starts.

It was, however, after a short four-month let-up this season that he truly

blossomed. *Ghost Street* won first-up in Class 4, then captured one heat of the Championship in Penang before bagging the final.

Ridden by Jose De Souza, *Ghost Street* was always travelling well up with the pace and hit the front 200m out. Then fellow Penang runner *Harden Up* (Hard Spun - Mother Flame by Zabeel) came from the rear of the field and 'flew' home. But his effort came too late as *Ghost Street* held on to win by a nose.

Third was the filly *Miracle Pray* (Bluegrass Cat - Afleet Miracle by Afleet).



A jubilant Jose De Souza returns to scale on Ghost Street



The winning connections with representatives of the Malaysian turf clubs



Trainer Jerome Tan receiving his trophy from Perak Turf Club Committee Member Dato John Lim Ewe Chuan



Supernova leads Terminator home in the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Kranji



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to trainer Bruce Marsh

SUPER LUCKY

Good fortune sees Supernova land the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Kranji

A bit of good fortune saw *Supernova* (*Elusive City - Our Girl Nelson* by *Carnegie*) emerge triumphant in the S\$75,000 Penang Turf Club Trophy at Kranji on August 25, 2013.

But there is no denying that the New Zealand gelding has the ability to go far after notching his fifth win in nine starts in the Kranji Stakes C - 1,200m sprint on the polytrack.

Terminator, ridden by apprentice A'Isisuhairi Kasim, set the pace from the start and was still in front close to the line. But the saddle had slipped in the running and his rider was greatly disadvantaged in his effort to keep him in front.

Supernova, ridden by Barend Vorster, raced past him close to home to win by three-quarter of a length. *Terminator* (*One Cool Cat - Indent* by *Pompeii Court*) held on for second, ahead of the odds-on favourite *Golden Sand Steed* (*Pins - Ambitious* by *Last Tycoon*).

Penang Turf Club President Ong Eng Khuan was on hand to present the trophies to the winning connections. Also present for the race were Committee Members John Alexander Rodgers and Saw Lip Khai.



Jockey Barend Vorster receiving his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan



Group photo after the prize presentation



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



Trainer PS Kumaran receiving the trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan

WONDER kid

Dream Malaysia debut for Moreira in Penang Turf Club Trophy

Joao Moreira marked his maiden foray into Malaysian racing with a first-up win on the aptly-named *Wonderful Kid* (*San Luis - Jasmine June* by *Pompeii Court*) in the RM35,000 Penang Turf Club Trophy (Class 5 - 1600m) at Sungei Besi on June 15, 2013.

The Brazilian has been the kingpin in Singapore, setting riding records after records for the past three seasons. His maiden appearance in Malaysia, to participate in the annual International Jockeys Challenge, was much anticipated.

And Moreira did not let his legions of fans on both sides of the causeway down when he rode a copy book race to pilot *Wonderful Kid* to a three-quarter length win over *Tubay* (*Zariz - Harmony Heights* by *Forest Glow*) with *Concrescence* (*Istidaad - Ooh La La* by *Stylish Century*) third of 14 runners.

Wonderful Kid, who won six races between 2008 and 2011, had returned to the winner's circle after a long lapse to win at the same track just two weeks prior at the rising age of eight. Clearly, there is more racing left in the veteran galloper.

Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan was on hand to present the trophies to the winning connections. Also present were fellow Committee Members Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim, John Alexander Rodgers and Saw Lip Khai.



Joao Moreira returns to scale on *Wonderful Kid*

Eyes on the PRIZE

No horse deserved to win the RM500,000 Piala Emas Sultan Selangor more than *Good Sight* (Lonhro - Bonne Famille by Anabaa) which the Australian gelding did in style at Sungei Besi on June 16, 2013.

Good Sight was placed in the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup (2,200m), Tunku Gold Cup (1,200m), MRA Cup (1,400m), Selangor Gold Cup (1,600m) and Perak Derby (2,400m) in the run-up to the 2,000m contest.

Partnered by Noel 'King' Callow, *Good Sight* came just off the pace early and had the race won a long way out, coasting home by two lengths and a quarter from the Perak Derby winner *Littlebitofjoy* (Kitten's Joy - Shortstop Sal by Ghazi). Third of ten runners was *Tears To Diamonds* (Royal Academy - Tears Of Argentina by Umatilla).

With the success, Callow completed a personal hattrick in the set-weight event, having scored on *Risky Business* in 2011 and *Speed Baby* in 2012, both Singapore-trained runners.

No Singapore horse took part this year but that did not take away anything from *Good Sight* who first came into the spotlight when second to the Singapore runner *Mr Raffles* in the Sprint Trophy in Penang last year and has proven to be a remarkably versatile galloper. The Piala Emas Sultan Selangor victory was his sixth in 25 starts.

Good Sight scores deserving win in Piala Emas Sultan Selangor



Good Sight winning easily from *Littlebitofjoy*



Jockey Noel Callow all smiles as he receives his trophy



Trainer Kevin Coetzee receiving his trophy from Sultan Of Selangor



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



Novellist easily winning the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes



Johnny Murtagh returns to scale on Novellist

Germany Reigns at Ascot

Novellist sets new course record time in winning King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes



from left to right - Mr John A Rodgers, Mrs Rosalind Rodgers and Mrs Jean Power

Novellist (Monsun - Night Lagoon by Lagunas) upset the form book to capture the £1,065,000 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on July 27, 2013, giving Germany back-to-back success in the Group 1 event following *Danedream's* win 12 months previously.

Starting at odds of 13-2, the Irish bred four-year-old, trained by Andreas Wohler and ridden by Johnny Murtagh, did it in spectacular fashion, winning by five lengths from *Trading Leather* (Teofilo - Night Visit by *Sinndar*), winner of the Irish Derby earlier in the year, in a new course record time of 2 minutes 24.60 seconds for the one and half mile (2,400m) journey.

Another three-year-old colt, *Hillstar* (Danehill Dancer - *Crystal Star* by *Mark Of Esteem*), was a further three-quarters of a length away in third in the field of eight. The French-trained *Cirrus des Aigles*, the 3-2 favorite, finished fourth.

Murtagh, who was winning the race for a fourth time, said: "He's a very high-class horse with a good engine. I loved the way when I asked him to stretch he wanted to get on with it. He would be up there with my other King George winners."

Wohler, however, was securing his first Group One triumph in Britain. "We knew he had improved since his last race (winning the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in France) but as much as that is unbelievable," he said.

Report by Dato Ong Eng Khuan who was at Ascot to witness the event



Bachelor Son (inside rails) just edges out El Conquerador



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to jockey Halis Karatas

Only six horses lined up for the 2013 running of the MRA Cup at the Veliefendi Racecourse in Istanbul, Turkey on July 24, 2013 but what a race it turned out to be.

The 1,500m event for three-year-olds was run on the polytrack and carried a prizemoney of 187.000 Turkish Lira.

The small field was bunched up all the way. *El Conquerador* (*Okavango - Adhaaba* by *Dayjur*) attempted to make all the running but drifted out under pressure in the home stretch.

Bachelor Son (*Bachelor Duke - All Day* by *Jaded Dancer*), ridden by Turkey perennial champion jockey Halis Karatas, then took a run on his inside and went after the leader.

Despite hanging out, *El Conquerador* held on to his advantage and fought

gamely until the last few strides when *Bachelor Son* popped his head in front at the post. Third was *Yaramaz Cocuk* (*Perfect Storm - Angel Eyes* by *Always A Classic*).

It was the eighth win in 12 starts for the Irish bred *Bachelor Son* who is trained by Serhat Altundag.

Mr Velluppillai Williams from the Perak Turf Club and Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan represented the MRA at the annual reciprocal event.



Group photo after the prize presentation

Sunshine wins the Malaysia Cup in a thrilling finish



SUNSHINE IN KOKURA

Four-year-old mare wins Malaysia Cup during Asia Week 2013



Dato Ong Eng Khuan (second from left) with the winning connections

The JRA Asia Week 2013 races were held at Kokura Racecourse, Kyushu Island on the weekend of August 10-11, 2013. The Japan Racing Association has been hosting Asia Week since 1994.

The Malaysian Cup, a ¥33,440,000 handicap for three-year-old and upwards, was staged over 2,000m on August 10.

Four-year-old mare *Sunshine* (*Heart's Cry* – *Baldwina* by *Pistolet Bleu*), trained by Kenichi Fujioka and ridden by Kota Fujioka, won the keenly contested race by a neck in a blanket finish from another mare *Meine Jeanne* (*Roses In May* - *Itto Ryodan* by *Fusaichi Concorde*).

Sunshine is owned by Yoichi Aoyama from Shadai Farm.

Representatives from Malaysia, Singapore, Macau and Thailand were present to witness their respective races. Penang Turf Club represented the Malaysian turf clubs and its President Dato Ong Eng Khuan presented the trophies to the winning connections of the Malaysia Cup.

PENANG Equestrian Team Bags 2 SILVER Medals AT SUKAN Malaysia 2013

Mohd Joshua winning the Silver Medal Individual Dressage event



The XVI Sukan Malaysia 2013's Equestrian Competition was held from 30 June- 1 July 2013. Four PNTCEC's riders representing Penang state together with the participation of 7 other states did battle in Dressage and Showjumping disciplines at the Taman Ekuestrian Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur. The four riders from Penang were Mohd Joshua Merican Noordin, Shafieq bin Md Din, Muhamad Hakim bin Musa and Tengku Mohammad Sharafuddin Abu Bakar with their mounts *Trigg, P.E.A. Rocket, Bertie, Arana* and *Ariki*.

The boys did everyone proud as they fought tooth and nail against heavy weights; Wilayah Persekutuan and Selangor in the Dressage discipline on the first day of competitions. Penang bagged the Silver Team Dressage behind Wilayah Persekutuan. Selangor won the Bronze Team Dressage medal. The challenge continued with the Individual Dressage Competition where Mohd Joshua Merican Noordin gave an expressive performance on *P.E.A. Rocket* to bring home the Silver medal. With just 0.62% shy of garnering the

Gold medal, Joshua indeed gave Wilayah Persekutuan a run for their money. The Bronze medal went to Perak.

With spirits high, the Penang Team tackled the Showjumping Team Competition with gusto. They put up a good fight and remained positive throughout. However, there were no medal prospects in the Showjumping Team effort. In the Individual Showjumping category, tensions ran high as our boys gave their all to try to clinch a medal. It was a close fight for the Bronze medal between Mohd Shafieq and Selangor rider, Daniel Chen. In the end, Penang had to settle for fourth placing. Kudos to Mohd Shafieq for a brave ride in his maiden attempt in the Games.

All achievements would not have been possible without the support of the Penang Turf Club (PNTC), the Penang Sports Council (PSC) and the Penang Equestrian Association (PEA). The medal count of 2 silvers had made the months of solid training well worth it. Syabas to Chief Coach, Johari Lee and Assistant, Edric Lee, Team Manager, Dr. Edward Samuel and the Equestrian management and staffs' support of the Team throughout the training months.

Next year's Sukan Malaysia's Equestrian feature remains undecided for now as Perlis takes the helm of this prestigious competition. While we await for future decisions, PNTCEC in collaboration with PNTC, PSC and PEA will gear towards the preparation of riders and horses ready for another memorable Games to come.



Penang Team winning the Silver Medal in the team Dressage event

Prepared by Johari Lee, Chief Riding Instructor and Pauline Soraya Cheah, Administration Executive and Level 1 Dressage Coach.

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WE ARE 20!

From its humble beginning with a small number of pages, *Front Runner* is now a full-fledged racing magazine which is not only the pride of the members of the Penang Turf Club, but also well received by the racing fraternity throughout the world.

One person who is largely responsible for the progress of *Front Runner* is Dato Ong Eng Khuan.

Upon his election into the committee of the Club in 1993, Dato Ong was assigned the task by the committee to launch *Front Runner*. In its early years, the magazine covered mainly club news and topics of interest.

And following his election as President of the Club in 2002, *Front Runner* was expanded to include racing news from around the region and around the world as well.

In celebrating our 20th anniversary, we produce below snapshots of some of the major news and reports which have appeared in our pages in the past 20 years.

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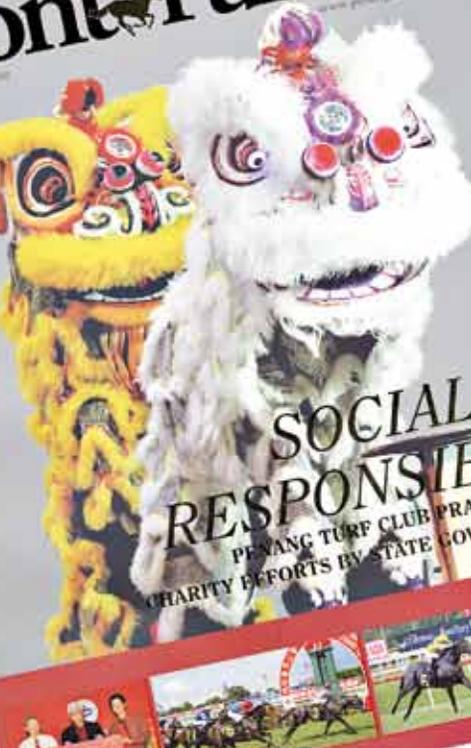


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EDITORIAL

The Penang Turf Club is the oldest of the three Turf Clubs in the country. It will be 130 years old next year. By next May, it will be 55 years since the Club moved to the green hills of Batu Gantong.

We have indeed come a long way and we are proud of our rich heritage. There have been various stages of growth and many milestones have been reached to bring the Club to where it is today.

Today we have reached yet another milestone: the birth of a Club newsletter. Certainly, many of us have felt the need for a modern method of communication, to record what is important to us, and to share information with one another.

Hence, the **FRONT RUNNER**.

Why the name FRONT RUNNER? you may ask. Well, in racing terms, a FRONT RUNNER is a horse that gives its best when leading. We see PTC being among the FRONT RUNNERS in the racing industry. On a lighter vein, it is in the nature of things for Penangites to want to be in the lead. And they often are!

As we head into the next century, it becomes a challenge for us to keep up with developments in our industry both in Malaysia and worldwide.

The Club must harness all the resources it can muster to overcome the many monumental challenges facing it. We must embark on a new beginning and for that the Club seeks your cooperation in its quest to be a front runner.

Hopefully, FRONT RUNNER will provide additional impetus to help steer us all towards the year 2000 and beyond.

FRONT RUNNER is your newsletter and we hope it will keep you abreast of events, developments and improvements made to the Club from time to time. Having said that, it becomes our collective responsibility to keep the newsletter alive and well.

So we look to your active support and contributions. Share your news, views, horse gossip and the like. As the saying goes, 'Don't hold back the horses!'

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The Committee, Election Committee and Secretary at work in Batu Gantong



Teh Choon Beng A Legend



The powerhouse of the Batu Gantong stables is Penang-based trainer Teh Choon Beng, or just "Beng" to his friends. To date, he is leading the field of trainers with 51 wins, 49 seconds, 60 thirds and is well on the way to clinching the title of Champion Trainer for 1993.

Ever since he became a professional trainer in 1971, Beng has been top trainer for a record 11 times and has never been out of the first three in the trainers' table. If he remains on top of the table by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup on December 26, 1993, he would have set a new record of one dozen times. This feat will surely be unparalleled for this century. Who knows, he may even smash his own record and go for a Baker's dozen next year.

Beng is a typical baba and nyonya boy, born and bred in Penang. Like many in Penang, he was educated at the Penang Free School. He is the son of Teh Say Leong, one of the few Asian trainers licensed under the British colonial government. He became a trainer in 1971 and on his first day, saddled his first winner, Blue Chips. On the second day, his charge, Forest Jim, ran away with the Singapore Derby. The rest is legendary.

In the year 1985, Beng set a post-war record by saddling 107 winners in a season and bringing in a record total stakes of more than RM2.6 million for his owners. In 1989, he broke his own record by saddling 110 winners in one season! At the moment, he has in the Batu Gantong stables 80 horses worth about RM5.6 million. Thus far in 1993, he has raked in the sum of RM3.12 million in winning stakes.

Beng is married to Yeoh Kheng See and they have two daughters and a son. When not training horses, he can be seen whacking little yellow golf balls across the Batu Gantong fairways. Perhaps he is now setting his sights on every golfer's dream of the elusive hole-in-one!



Beng with one of his racing beauties



*Beta Ray Bill—one of Beng's winners
(Pic. courtesy of Star Publications)*



The Unforgettable Doc Rodgers And The Mighty Three Rings

John R. Rodgers (1915 - 1981)

Penang-based trainer John R. Rodgers or "Doc" as he was popularly known dominated the racing scene in the MRA circuit from the late 1940s to the 1970s. He was the first Malaysian to be granted a trainer's licence by the British Colonial Administration.

Doc Rodgers, a veterinary surgeon, began his racing career in Penang in early 1946. While holidaying in Penang, a friend, Mr Lee Say Yau, asked him to take charge of his horses. Doc's first meeting as a licensed trainer was the Penang September meeting in 1946. It was the little grey Australian pony, *Robelus*, who gave Doc Rodgers his first break in 1946. Reduced to skin and bones during the years of the Japanese Occupation, *Robelus* was nursed back to racing by Doc. *Robelus* won for Doc a Class 4 Division 2 event. So delighted was Doc with his first win that when he bought his first house, he named it *Robelus Cottage*.

From then on there was no looking back. Doc quickly broke into the big league and was always high up on the Trainers table. He captured the champion trainer crown three times, in 1949, 1957 and 1962. He achieved many firsts as a trainer.

At 33, he became the youngest champion trainer in Malayan turf history at that time. He trained the wonder mare, *Bright Eyes*, to become the first horse to win more than RM100,000 in stakes.

He became the first trainer since the 2nd World War to win the Singapore Gold Cup, five times with *Mubarat*, *Three Rings*, (three times) and *Water Scout*.

But his most amazing feat as a trainer was saddling *Three Rings* which won three Singapore Gold Cups (1954, 1956 and 1957) and two Penang Gold Cups (1954-1956), a feat that has not been equalled since and one likely to stand for a long time.

Doc Rodgers had many renowned jockeys riding for his stable. Among the better known were Harry McCloud, Keith Moxam, Abdul Mawi, Don Patterson, Lester Piggot and Johnny Wilson. Doc Rodgers loved horses. He pampered them and was more concerned with keeping them fit than in their winning a race. If there was any doubt about their fitness, he would scratch them from a race. The horses rewarded Doc Rodgers well for his tender loving care.

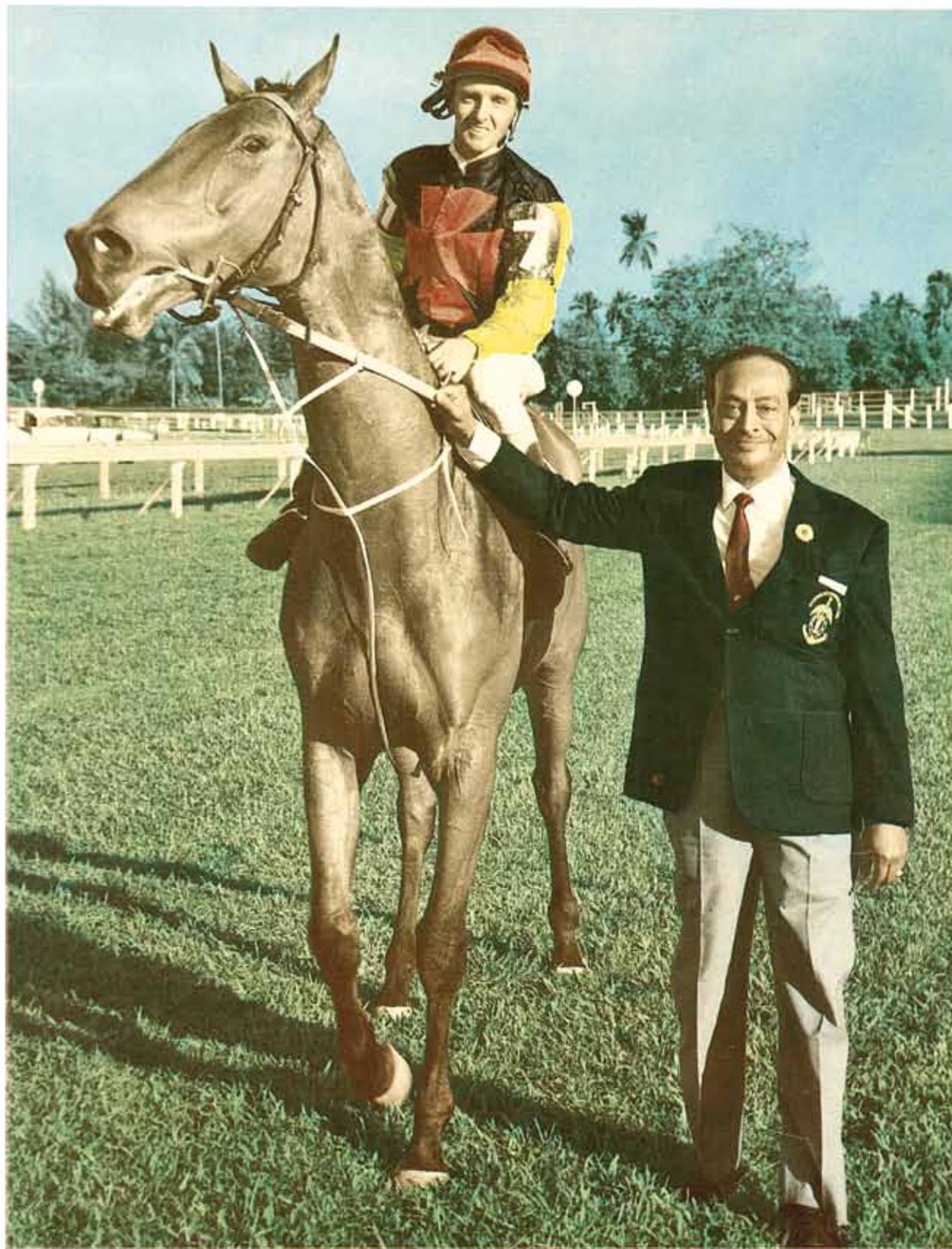
Born in Kuala Lumpur in 1915, Doc Rodgers went to India where he studied to be a vet. He then worked in the Government Veterinary office in Ipoh and Penang. In 1938 he worked at the horse sanatorium at Cameron Highlands run by Capt Bloxham. Rodgers also co-owned horses. His colours were white and a blue Maltese Cross, a veterinary and equine symbol.

With the passing of Doc Rodgers, an era of the MRA came to an end. However, for the Penang Turf Club, his name will always be cherished for the glories and honours he brought to Batu Gantong. The Rodgers stable is now run by his son Alex Rodgers.

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One of Doc Rodgers' winners with the distinctive blue Maltese Cross racing colours



Doc Rodgers with his horse, Chaichana, and jockey, J. Johnson — winner of the Club's Class 4 Division 1 July Meeting in 1970



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

from
King Richard III
Act V, Scene IV

King Richard: A horse! A horse! my kingdom for a horse!

Sir William Catesby: Withdraw, my Lord. I'll help you to a horse.

King Richard: Slave, I have set my life upon a cast,
And I will stand the hazard of the die:
I think there be six Richmonds in the field;
Five have I slain today instead of him.
A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!

ANONYMOUS

from
The Horse of the Desert

*...this matchless horse is the true
pearl of every caravan,
The light and life of all our camps -
the force and glory of his clan.*



PTC MUSEUM

P.T.C. Museum was opened to the public for viewing on 2nd December, 1994. It is located next to the Racing Stewards Inquiry Room. Although there are few exhibits on display, we hope one day the Museum will grow to be one of the finest museums for racing in this region, considering our long history.

At the moment, the oldest trophy of the Penang Turf Club on display is dated 1878. It is a silver cup laced with dragons at the side and a dragon's head on its cover. It was won by a horse called Puck.

The other trophies on display were only discovered about two months ago. They are magnificent sterling silver cups and have been valued by the Jewellers to be priceless.

So members, please come and view our treasure house and if you have any racing memorabilia, please donate or loan it to the Club for display. Remember, whatever we have, belongs to the heritage of Penang!



Penang
Gold Cup



Kim astride Mailman

KIM SETS ANOTHER RECORD

Penang-based Kim Clapperton, the reigning Champion Jockey of the Malaysia-Singapore racing circuit, notched up another first for a woman jockey, by scoring four winnings in one afternoon, earlier this year at Ipoh.

Winning four races in one afternoon for a top male jockey or expatriate jockey is itself a rare achievement and for a female to achieve this feat in the male-dominated sport of horse racing is truly amazing.

Despite having the handicap of gaining her MRA riding licence only in March of this year, the Kiwi lass has, as at 16th December 1994, caught up with the leaders, as she is now lying 2nd on the jockey's table with 41 wins, just Two wins behind K.L. Oo - with 43 wins. This puts



Reigning Champion Jockey

Kim within striking distance of the Jockey Championship for 1994. With home ground advantage in the coming Penang Meeting and her mastery on the saddle, she should easily clinch the jockey crown again. So, good luck Kim! Give us an encore!



PIAGET'S GIFT HORSE

This year, the winning owner of the Yang DiPertua Negeri's Gold Cup, to be held on Sunday 25th December, besides winning the RM350,000 prize money, will receive a handsome French yearling sired by Funambule out of a mare, Secret Foly, as an added bonus. In addition, the Penang Turf Club and the French Breeders Association will be paying for the training fees for the yearling for six months.

This is the first time in the history of the Club that Piaget, a manufacturer of magnificent timepieces is participating in

racing in our country. In 1992, Piaget sponsored the Singapore Gold Cup when they gave S\$250,000 to raise the stake money for the Singapore Gold Cup to record S\$700,000. In France, Piaget have made their mark and held the Courses d'or Piaget for the sixth year at Deauville which carried stakes of three million francs. Hopefully for our Club, this will be the beginning of better things to come and Piaget will continue to support our Club by sponsoring one of our classic races.

The gift horse was made possible by the

efforts of Patrice Renaudin, the General Manager of French Breeders Association and Jean de Chevigny, the Manager of Union Nationale Interprofessionnelle du Cheval (UNIC) who approached the Chairman of Piaget International, Yves G. Piaget, after they learned about the Club's 130th anniversary celebrations from Committee Member, Ong Eng Khuan, when he attended Goffs France yearling sales at Saint-Cloud, Paris, in April of this year.

A French evening was held at the Penang Turf Club on 16th December, 1994, which was jointly co-sponsored by French Breeders Association and UNIC. Over 100 owners, trainers and guests attended this function.

Besides enjoying the French champagne, wine and food, we were able to marvel at the splendid Piaget watches that were on display.

Tears of Joy- The Singapore Gold Cup 1995



The winning team with Mr. H.R. Hochstadt, Chairman of Singapore Turf Club



Grand Jury, a Batu Gantong trained horse ran away with the Singapore Gold Cup in Bukit Timah on 17th September 1995 in record time. Many records were created that day in Singapore.

It was the 66th running of the S\$650,000/- classic the richest race in the M.R.A. circuit. Grand Jury clocked 2 min 13.5 sec on a good track, 0.1 second faster than the time returned by Navajo II in 1993. The five year old New Zealand, bred by Deputy Governor is also the course record holder for the Selangor Turf Club 1,800 m (1:48:08) and 2,000 m (1:59:06) when it won the Selangor Tunku Gold Cup in February 1995.

In 133 seconds, jockey Kim Clapperton rode into the record books of Bukit Timah by becoming the first woman ever to win the Singapore Gold Cup. This was however Kim's second Gold Cup triumph as she had won the Penang Gold Cup in 1993. Vibrant Virgo who came in second was ridden by another woman, a New Zealand lass; Sarah Campbell. That race really proves how good the women are in the sport of horse racing that is totally dominated by the male species. It looks like when it comes to the crunch punters still have to rely on the fairer sex to



Grand Jury with Kim, storming past the winning post

deliver the winners ! Grand Jury's stablemate, Jingle Bell V with another Kiwi on board, Jim Collett, was third making it 1-2-3 sweep for New Zealand jockeys. It was an exciting finish for the first three runners came home neck and neck at the winning post.

Although the Singapore Gold Cup victory was a joyous occasion, it had a tinge of sadness for the winning combination of Teh-Sung-Kim team. For Kim the prestigious Singapore Gold Cup was to be her farewell present as this is her final season as a Penang based jockey. The Singapore Gold Cup was the one illusive prize she failed to capture ever since she came to ride in Penang in 1990. In the end Kim dedicated this Cup to trainer Teh Choon Beng who will be retiring and to the owner Mr. Jerry Sung for all their support given to her all these years.

Teh and Kim must have shed a few tears when they stepped up to the rostrum to receive their trophies from the President of Singapore, Ong Teng Cheong. But their smiles revealed they were tears of joy! They deserved to win for it was sheer hard work on their part that made the victory possible. When Kim hugged and kissed Teh on the cheek, the 40,000 Bukit Timah crowd cheered and roared with approval. What a fitting finale to end a perfect partnership !



Teh, receiving the prize from Singapore President, Ong Teng Cheong

For the 13th time champion trainer Teh Choon Beng, it was his fifth victory in the Singapore Gold Cup. He had won with Man of Courage (1974), Sir Toby (1977), Best Bold (1985) and Starman (1991), all owned by Jerry Sung of Auric Stables.

Teh's Baker's Dozen Accomplishment

Trainer Teh Choon Beng rewrote the record books of the M.R.A. when he emerged champion trainer in the trainers' ladder for the 1994 racing season. He secured his baker's dozen just as predicted in the inaugural issue of the Front Runner with 46 winners, 38 seconds and 30 thirds, 5 winners ahead of his nearest rival, Thwaites. At the moment of writing trainer Teh is lying second on the Trainer's Table for 1995 racing season.

Needless to say, trainer Teh's amazing feat of a baker's dozen will remain in the annals of racing for the rest of this century !

For 1995, trainer Teh has bagged the following classics for his owner Auric Stables :-

1. The M\$250,000/
- Selangor Tunku Gold Cup
2. The S\$250,000/
- Singapore Queen Elizabeth Cup
3. The S\$250,000/
- Singapore Raffles Cup
4. The S\$650,000/
- Singapore Gold Cup
5. The S\$500,000/
- Emirates Singapore Derby



Thus far this year he has won more than a million dollars for Auric Stables and three of his charges; The Mailman, Courtline Jester and Jingle Bell have earned prize monies exceeding a million dollars each.

Trainer Teh, at 56, has now expressed a desire to retire from horse training. History will no doubt record him as one of the great trainers in the sport of kings in our region if not the greatest! If there is a post for a racing ambassador for our country, the nomination should go to Trainer Teh. He is a celebrity overseas, a sort of O'Brien, Freedman or Francois Boutin and every racing establishment or horse sale that he attends invariably rolls out the red carpet!

For the Club, our long association with trainer Teh's achievement has propelled our club to be the "Front Runner" of the Turf Clubs in the M.R.A. and Batu Gantong is aptly called the Home of Champions! Maybe this has something to do with the inherent spirit and aspirations of Penangites.



from
TRAINER to
COMMITTEE
and
M.R.A.



Mr. Teh Choon Beng presenting a souvenir to Jockey Kim Clapperton, his old stable jockey who rode POWERLINK to win Vice Regal Memorial Trophy at the Penang Turf Club on 16 August, 1997



Mr. Teh Choon Beng with Herman Hochstadt, Chairman of Singapore Turf Club

Turf history was created when 13th time champion trainer Teh Choon Beng was elected into the committee of the PTC and delegate to the Malayan Racing Association (M.R.A.) in 1996. This was the first time in the annals of horse racing in Malaysia and Singapore that an ex-trainer won a seat in the Committee of a Turf Club. In the past, such an achievement would have been unthinkable for traditionally committee members have been elected from a select group. During the colonial days it was the British administrators and gentry who served in the committees of the Turf Clubs and it was only after the Second World War that our local tycoons, lawyers and doctors and other professionals began to dominate the committees of the Turf Clubs and who continue to do so to this day. It was also unheard of for a junior committee member to be made a delegate to the M.R.A. as seniority and endurance in the committee was the unwritten rule.

By breaking away with the tradition PTC has once again set a precedent for our sister clubs to emulate. As we embark on more professionalism and excellence in the racing industry Teh Choon Beng's election into the Committee is a step in the right direction and a feather in the cap for the racing fraternity.

The turf club is no longer the domain of the rich and this must be so. It is the average punter who comes faithfully on his motorbike every weekend who is king, whose support the club cannot do without. To survive in the next century the racing industry must address the needs of this crucial and vital group of supporters of the turf.

It is hoped that the breakthrough made by Teh Choon Beng would pave the way for more and more office bearers of the club to be selected from members who have racing background or at the very least have the interest of racing at heart. In this respect, the Club was very fortunate to have the services of Dr. Lim Ah Soo in the Committee whose vast experience and knowledge in racing had proved to be invaluable.

It was through racing that Teh Choon Beng found fame and fortune but this has come with a price of many years of personal sacrifices on himself. In a world where nothing comes from nothing every victory every triumph was won through grittiness, sweat, tears and plain hard work.

In some small measure by serving in the PTC committee is Teh Choon Beng's way of contributing and showing his gratitude to racing and for making him to be what he is today!

The Club hopes that Teh Choon Beng's tenure in the PTC committee and the Malayan Racing Association will be just as fruitful and eventful as when he was a leading trainer.



PRICELESS GIFT TO PTC HERITAGE

John Alexander Rodgers, an Ordinary Member of the Club donated to the Club eight racing trophies belonging to his late father, "Doc" Rodgers. Doc Rodgers was an ex-champion trainer of the Club. The sterling silver trophies have been valued at not less than Sterling Pounds 30,000 i.e. approximately RM200,000. The trophies are now on permanent display in the Museum and at the Committee Dining Room. The Committee and members of the Club express their thanks and appreciation to the Rodgers family for their generous donation. In time to come, the Club hopes to turn the Museum to be the foremost collection of racing trophies in the country.

1. THE PENANG TURF CLUB

Presented by H.H. SULTAN BADLISHAH OF KEDAH KCMG, KBE

2. THE PENANG TURF CLUB CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MEETING 1949 THE PENANG HANDICAP

Won by: "BRIGHT EYES" Class 1 Div 1

Presented to Trainer J.R. RODGERS by AUGUST STABLE

3. THE PENANG TURF CLUB CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MEETING 1951/52 THE LADIES PLATE

Won by: "PORT STAR"

Owned by: DOC'S STABLE

4. THE PENANG TURF CLUB CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MEETING 1965/66 THE GOVERNOR'S CUP

5. THE PENANG TURF CLUB AUGUST MEETING 1955 WINNING DOUBLE

By: "MAHA RANEE"

Owned by: MRS. H. RODGERS & MR. S.K. TONG

6. THE PENANG TURF CLUB AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MEETING 1952 THE CLUB CUP

Won by: "DANCING FURY"

Owned by: MESSRS J.R. RODGERS & E.S.TANG

7. THE PENANG TURF CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING 1965 THE PENANG CUP

8. SINGAPORE TURF CLUB WINTER MEETING 1949

Won by: "HAYDEE"

Owned by: HON. A.M. ABU BAKAR & J.R. RODGERS Class 1 Div 1

Trained by: DOC J.R. RODGERS

Ridden by: J.R. JONES





RETRACTABLE BRIDGE



Over the years, it was observed that some horses did not take kindly to the crossing at the 200 metres mark during race days. The Committee was concerned that a freak accident may occur resulting in very serious consequences to horse and rider. To negate this potential incident, the Committee decided to construct the retractable bridge, after considering various options including the building of a tunnel.

In February 1998, the Committee awarded the project for the construction of a retractable steel frame bridge with the dimension of 30 metres long, 2.3 metres high and 3 metres wide, to Seng Seng Construction Sdn. Bhd. at RM270,000. The single span moveable bridge which can be operated either mechanically or electrically (battery operated) was designed by Weathered & Howe (M) Sdn. Bhd. and manufactured locally with special imported wheels from Germany to carry the weight of the bridge. The architect for the bridge was Mr. Seow Chin .

The assembly of the bridge commenced in September 1998 on site and was completed by the end of November 1998 after intensive tests. With the use of this retractable bridge, the final stretch of the No. 1 track will not show out any crossing as all golfers will have to use it when playing the second nine holes.

With the inauguration of the bridge PTC has created Turf history. This is the first time that a land bridge has been constructed over a race track!



A Piece Of Our History...

A rare racing card of Penang Turf Club printed in silk dated 28 July 1877 is now on display in the Club's museum. This unique piece of our heritage and history reproduced in full here was donated to the Club by committee member Alexander Rodgers.

In 1877 the Straits Settlements were under the direct control of the Colonial Office, London. The Patrons of the Club were the Excellency the Governor, the honourable Lieut.-Governor and the Officer Commanding H.M. Troops in Penang. It is interesting to note the names of the races - Georgetown Stakes, the Acheen Cup and there was even a race called the Opium Cup which was donated by an opium farmer! In the early days there must have been a shortage of horses as some of the horses had to race twice the same day. One wonders the outcome of Mr. Khoo Aing Hong's chesnut "Once More Late" who ran twice that Saturday afternoon on 28 July 1877!



Penang Turf Club at Macalister Road.

Our History



Camberly

He was never the impressario during morning workouts. When he felt like walking a lap, off he went but would often stop abruptly to view the routine activities.

Or he might just take off without giving the slightest hint and the poor rider had to restrain him from running into the ground.

But once he is loaded into the barrier/box, his mind is zipped for victory and he is transformed into a speed demon.

Such was Camberly's queer behavior that professional track-watchers often put a question mark on his form. The press boys even labelled him a loafer and all sorts of adjectives.

But for all his "unnatural" behaviour, Camberly, owned by the Royal Inderapura Stable, was a champion in his own capacity.

"Camberly was a difficult horse to train when I took it over in January 1981. He was not a two-year-old but a six-year-old who did not like to work but preferred to loaf about on the training track," recalled former 13-time champion trainer Teh Choon Beng.

"Fortunately, the lead-up races kept him fit and once his mind is on racing, he always gave his very best. He was an extra good thing on a soft track but also delivered on a hard track.

"A superb example was his narrow win in the 1981 Agong Gold Cup. The track was a bit hard that day and yet he gave everything to hold off Bruce Lee by a head."

Camberly campaigned as Welsh Moon in England before continuing his racing career here in 1979 as a four-year-old Irish gelding. He was by the outstanding sprinter Welsh Saint (also sire of Our Saint, 1984 winner of Penang Sprint



HRH Raja Muda of Pahang with Camberly

trophy and Agong Gold Cup, and Added Advantage II, 1982 winner of two Lion City Cups), a winner of seven races from 1200m to 1300m from Fragrant Morn.

In his first season in the M.R.A. circuit, Camberly then prepared by the late Tony Lee Seng Hap for the ROYAL Inderapura Stable, started eight times for two wins and two seconds. He broke the ice on 17 June 1979, during the Perak Derby Meeting, in a Class 2 Division 3 event at 1250m. Handled by Jockey Laurie Millington, Camberly destroyed the 15-horse field by half-length.

Four months later in Singapore during the Gold Cup meet, Millington again piloted Camberly to a one-length triumph in a Class 2 Division 1 race over 1400m.

From a Class 1 1200m race in the Lion City Cup meeting late January, Camberly improved by the proverbial ton and three months later to capture the \$25,000 Committee Cup over 1400m on 20 April.

Camberly had his first crack in Cup affair in the Yang Di-Pertua Agong Gold Cup Trial (1200m) and was eighth to the Teh Choon Beng-trained Caesar's Palace which was also owned by the Royal Inderapura Stable.

The rehearsal did Camberly a world of good and seven days later trooped out a four-length winner of the \$108,000 Agong Gold Cup under jockey Gerry Donnelly.

Camberly was then placed third in the Sultan's Gold Vase Trial (1100m straight), the \$83,000 Sultan's Gold Vase and the \$50,000 Stewards Cup (1600m) in Singapore before registering his final win of the season at 1200m in Penang.

In his third season as a six-year-old, Camberly was transferred to Teh and careful planning by the astute mentor resulted in Camberly racing successfully for the next two years.

From 11 runs, Camberly won once but that triumph was a well-orchestrated strike by Teh. The then 42-year-old champion mentor was pretty confident of his charge doing a Sentak Bulan - by landing a back-to-back win in the sprint classic - and Camberly did it with authority. Sentak Bulan won the prestigious classic in 1972 and 1973 but Camberly faced towering odds and an extremely classy field to score by a head under top guidance from stable hoop Bill Sharp.

Camberly nearly added the Gold Vase in his final outing in 1981, only to lose the 1100m classic by a neck to Bellus Domina. The following year, Camberly returned with a vengeance and with jockey Sairi Sulaiman riding a great race, the Irish gelding swept to a half-length win in the Gold Vase.

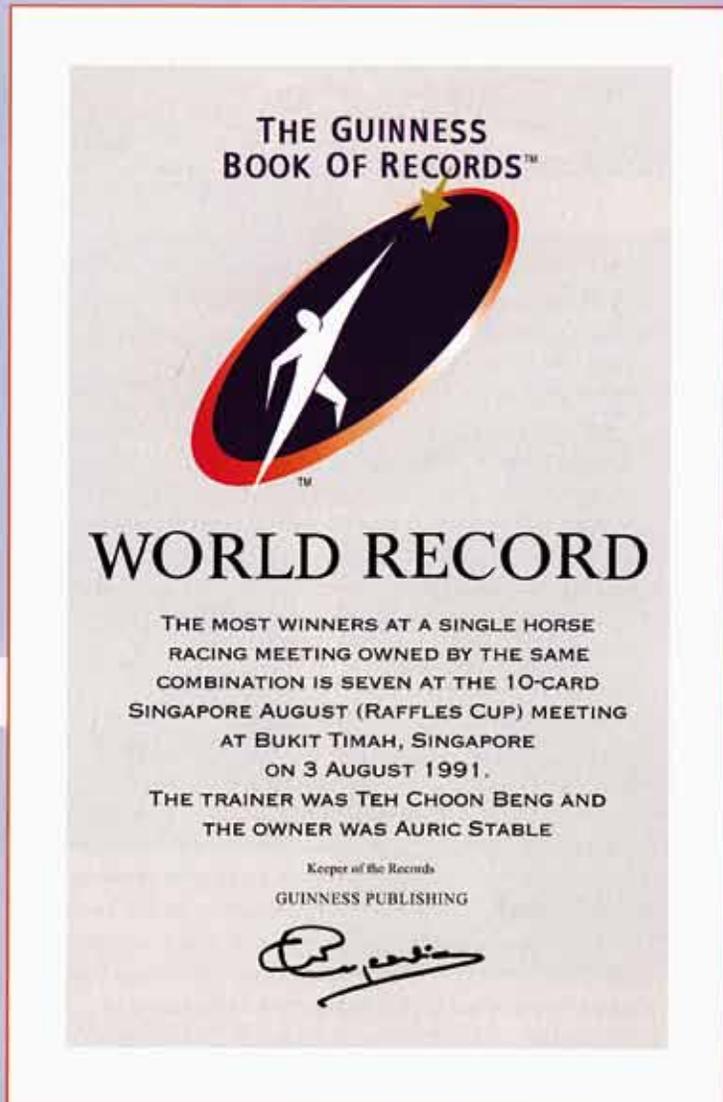
In his final season as an eight-year-old, the battle-scarred Camberly continued his relentless battle with the younger brigade and in 13 taxing outings, managed to claim a 1200m race during the Agong Gold Cup meeting.

After unplaced in a race won by Imperial Justice in a Class 1 Division 2 race at 1400m on 19 November, Teh felt his champion deserved a well-earned rest and Camberly was retired from active duties.



Guinness Book Of World Records

Mr Teh Choon Beng



26 July, 1999

"Congratulations! We are writing to inform you that the most winners by the same trainer/owner combination at one horse race meeting has officially been recognised by the Guinness World Records. A certificate to commemorate this fact is enclosed.

Welcome to the select band of Guinness record holders."

A.M. Collins
Records Research Services
GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

*combination is seven at
(Raffles cup) meeting at Bukit Tim*



For the first time in the annals of horse racing, a racing event in the Malayan Racing Association was accorded recognition in the Guinness Book Of World Records. The historic event was Mr. Teh Choon Beng's feat to saddle seven winners in a single afternoon on the same trainer/owner combination at Bukit Timah Singapore on 3rd August 1991. The official notification of Mr. Teh Choon Beng's recognition was conveyed to the Club by Guinness Book Of World Records in a congratulatory letter on 26th July 1999.

The entry into the Guinness Book Of World Records is the crowning glory for Mr. Teh Choon Beng whose contribution to the racing industry is legendary. For Malaysians to set a world record is rare and it is rarer still for Malaysians to gain entry into the Guinness Book Of World Records for sports. For his achievement, Mr. Teh Choon Beng has done the country proud and it is hoped that the Government will bestow an award to honour his contribution to the nation and the sport of horse racing. Mr. Teh Choon Beng's feat has added new meaning to the Malaysian spirit of Malaysia Mesti Boleh! (Can Certainly Achieve!)

On 14 January 2000, the Association of Racehorse Trainers in Singapore inducted Mr. Teh Choon Beng into its Hall Of Fame together with his former owner, Mr. Jerry Sung.

The Members of the Club are proud to be associated with Mr. Teh Choon Beng for putting the country on the world map of thoroughbred racing.

From MRA Record Book

Champion trainer (Prize money won) : 22 times

(Malaysia/Singapore)

Won championship 13 times, never out of the first three since commencement in 1971 (Malaysia/Singapore) on number of winners.

Number of Classics Won : 80 Cup Wins

Total number of Winners : 1,825 Winners

Record number of Winners : 110 Winners in 1989



*single horse racing
won by the same*

Singapore on 3 August 1991.



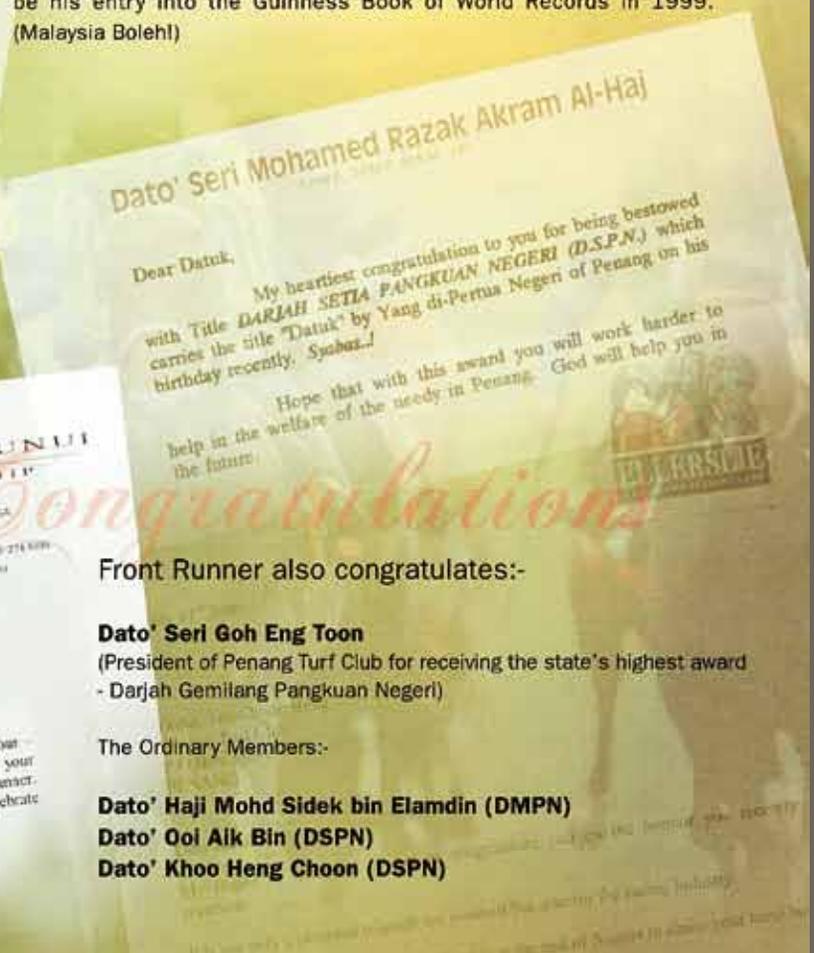
Dato' Teh Choon Beng

A Long Overdue Honour

This is the first time a former trainer and racing personality in the Malayan Racing Association has been honoured by the Government for services rendered to the racing industry. The award of Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri (DSPN) by the Governor of Penang to Teh Choon Beng is timely and long overdue considering his outstanding achievements and contribution to the Industry and the Nation spanning a period of over forty (40) years. The racing fraternity is proud to associate with Teh Choon Beng's award and hopes this will pave the way for other racing personalities to be accorded similar recognition by the Government. It has been accepted that the contributions made by the racing industry to the Treasury and the spin off to the economy and donations to Charities have been considerable.

After Teh Choon Beng's retirement as a trainer on November 30 1995, he continues to devote his time and services to the racing industry in a different capacity but in a more meaningful way. He presently sits as a Committee Member of the Malayan Racing Association, Board Member of the Lembaga Totalisator Malaysia and a Director of the Akademi Equestrian DiRaja Selangor.

Whatever award Teh Choon Beng receives, the crowning glory must still be his entry into the Guinness Book of World Records in 1999, (Malaysia Boleh!)



Front Runner also congratulates:-

Dato' Seri Goh Eng Toon
(President of Penang Turf Club for receiving the state's highest award - Darjah Gemilang Pangkuan Negeri)

The Ordinary Members:-

- Dato' Haji Mohd Sidek bin Elamdin (DMPN)**
- Dato' Ooi Aik Bin (DSPN)**
- Dato' Khoo Heng Choon (DSPN)**



“Doc” Rodgers Breaks Perak Derby Jinx

“Doc” Rodgers

John R Rodgers or “Doc”, the Cup specialist and trainer of the mighty Three Rings that won the Singapore Gold Cup (thrice) and the Penang Gold Cup (twice) finally broke his Derby jinx when Prince of Lalita triumphed in the \$25,000 classic at the Perak Turf Club on 31st May 1959. The Derby classic eluded him year after year and when White Heather was disqualified after being first past the post, the year before it seemed to confirm the Derby was out of “Doc’s” reach.

Prince of Lalita put up a smashing performance to win the race. Irish Pearl and Nazakat set a cracking pace for a mile and when the rest of the field closed in on the leaders, Jockey Arthur Ward kept Prince of Lalita well back in a waiting game until Irish Pearl and Nazakat “blew up”.

When hot favourite Who Knows went to the front at the top of the straight, Prince of Lalita started his run followed closely by old Three Rings.

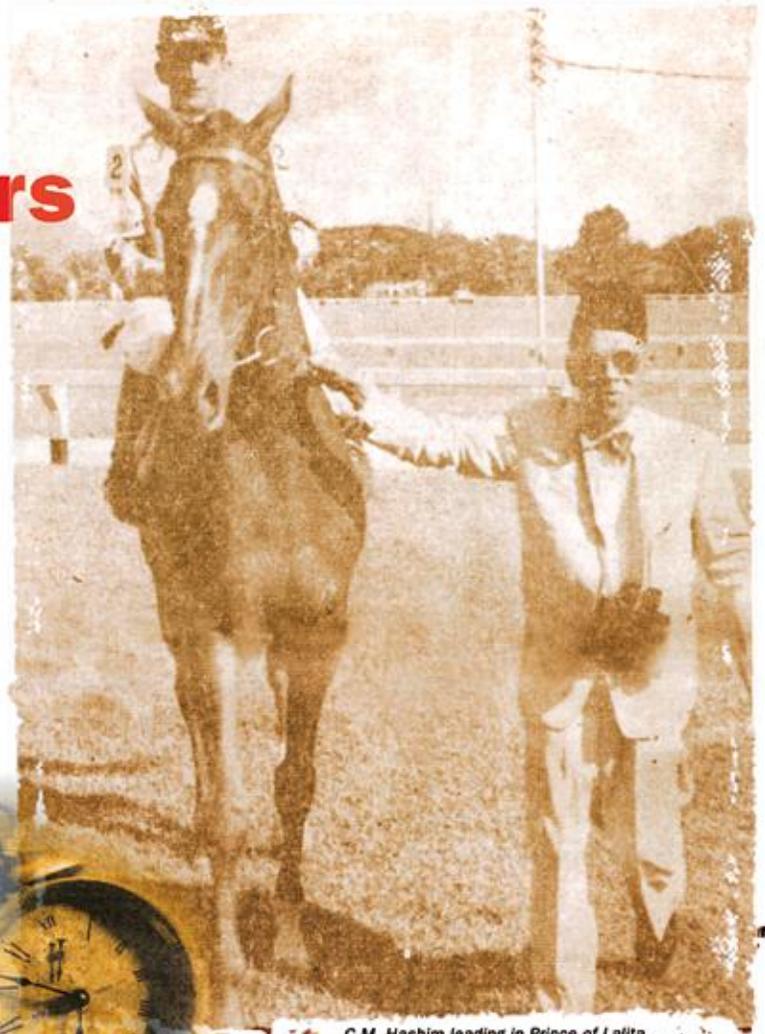
Halfway up the straight John Forte drew his whip on Who Knows but could not hold off Prince of Lalita who swept past the field half a furlong out.

Old Three Rings made a gallant bid to take second place, a length behind the winner and for the third time he was runner-up in this race. 1955 he lost by a short head to Euphrates and in the following year he was runner-up to Little Pappa.

Who Knows pulled up bleeding after the race.

Prince of Lalita was jointly owned by Dr. Lee Tiang Keng, Malaya’s Ambassador to Japan, the father of Dato’ Lee Saik Kee, Past President of Penang Turf Club and Mr. C.M. Hashim.

Since the eventful day, Penang Trainers have taken the Perak Derby 10 times. “Doc” Rodgers in 1963, Teh Say Leong in 1965 and Teh Choon Beng -1975, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993 and 1994.



C.M. Hashim leading in Prince of Lalita.





First Asiatic President Of Penang Turf Club

MR. LEE TOON POON ELECTED

"I will do my best to serve the club," said Mr. Lee Toon Poon, new President of the Penang Turf Club, following his election at yesterday's annual general meeting of the club held at the club's office in Chartered Bank Buildings.

Mr. Lee, who is the first Asiatic president in the history of the club, is a "long-standing turfite" whose connection with the club dates back many long years.

The meeting, presided by Mr. C.D.D. Hogan, outgoing president, elected the following as members of the committee:—

Mr. Ong Huck Lim, Mr. C. D. D. Hogan, Dr. Lee Tiang Keng, Mr. M. Saravanamuttu, Mr. G. Aste, and Dr. W. H. Brodie

Mr. Hogan spoke of the splendid work of the staff in preserving the club, especially the hon. secretary, Mr. Ong Huck Lim, who had worked very hard and Lt.-Col. R.F.H. Drake-Brockman who had done so much for the club in spite of the different views held by the higher authorities.

The First & Second Asian Presidents Of The Club

History was made when Lee Toon Poon, Esq. was elected President on 26 July 1946. Lee Toon Poon, Esq. was a prominent landed proprietor who owned a mansion at Logan Road. He served as President of the Club for two years. Before the 2nd World War, all the Club's Presidents had been British.

The Second Asian President of the Club was Ong Huck Lim, Esq. who served as Honorary Secretary of the Club for many years. He also held the posts of Stipendiary Steward, Handicapper and Committee Member of the Club. He was elected President in 1948 and served until 1954.

Ong Huck Lim, Esq. was a well known lawyer who had a flourishing Chancery practice in Penang in the fifties. Ong Huck Lim, Esq. paved the way for many lawyers in Penang to be elected Presidents of the Club in the later years. Among them had been Dato' Lim Huck Aik, the late Dato' I.K. Cheah and Dato' Lee Saik Kee.



Ong Huck Lim, Esq
Served as Honorary Secretary, Stipendiary Steward, Handicapper, Committee Member and President.



From **MRA Record Book** **Longest Owner & Trainer Partnership**

Trainer Teh Choon Beng And

1. Auric Stable from 1971 to 1995 - 25 years



2. Olympia Stable from 1971 to 1995 - 25 years



3. Gold Stable from 1971 to 1995 - 25 years



4. Chens Stable from 1971 to 1993 - 23 years



Three Rings

The only horse to have won 3 Singapore Gold Cups (1954, 1956 and 1957) and 2 Penang Gold Cups. (1954, 1956)



E.J. TAN'S

"THREE RINGS"

CARRYING 8 St. 12 Lbs.

WINNER OF THE SINGAPORE GOLD CUP
RACE FOR HORSES CLASS I, DIVISION I.

DISTANCE : 1 1/4 MILES - TIME: 2 MINS. 5 2/5 SECS. (COURSE RECORD)

SINGAPORE TURF CLUB GOLD CUP MEETING SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1954

BEING LED IN BY MRS. E.J.TAN

JOCKEY:H. McCLOUD TRAINER: J.R.RODGERS

Three Rings was trained in Batu Gantong by "Doc" Rodgers.



STORM (Kingdom Bay/Yale) a 3-year old filly trained in Batu Gantong is the only horse in the MRA to have won two classic races on consecutive weekends. On 18th July 1993, she won the S\$150,000 Silver Cup for Class I sprinters over 1400 metres. One week later, she ran away with the S\$250,000 Raffles Cup for Class I milers over 1600 metres.

Storm was trained by Teh Choon Beng for Auric Stable.



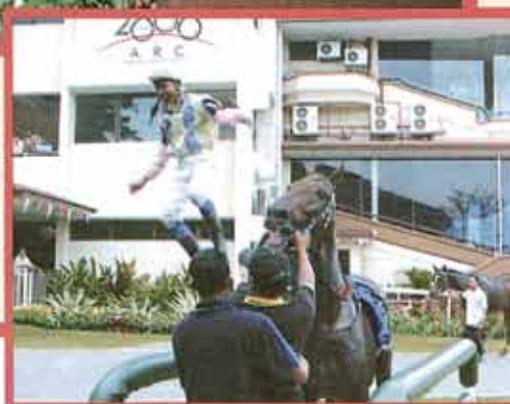
\$1 MILLION

The richest race in Malaysia, the million dollar Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup was run in Batu Gantong on New Year's eve. MRA's champion jockey J.Saimee steered Ballistic, (Legend Wind) owned by Index Link Stable to a convincing victory over 2200 metres in 2 minutes 9 seconds. Ballistic is trained by trainer Tan Soo Beng and the victory at Batu Gantong has taken Ballistic's earnings to \$1,200,000.00.

In conjunction with the Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup meeting, the Club held a dinner for ordinary members at the Rasa Sayang Resort on 29 December 2000. Over 600 members and guests turned up and the occasion was graced by His Excellency the Governor of Penang Tuan Yang Terutama Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang Tun Dato' Seri (Dr) Haji Hamdan bin Sheikh Tahir.



The Governor, Committee and winning connections.



Saimee's victory leap from Ballistic.



Left to Right -

C. Davies, I. Azhar, O. Doleuzo, L. Sofhan, J. Saimee, A. Cavallo, T. Asogan, D. Bradley, K. L. Oo, R. Quinn, B. Woodworth, B. N. Shahrul, S. Farjeat, S. H. Lee, D. Spriggs, S. Marzuki.



GOLD CUP 2000



Mr. and Mrs. David Chester with Anniversary Cup winners.



Jewellery presentation.



Dato' Teh with Mr and Mrs Lee Fleming of Eliza Park.



Toasting Huam Hock Seng, winner of gift horse.

Our sponsors from the thoroughbred industry donated 69 prizes for the dinner's lucky draw. The first prize donated by Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd was a two year old youngster. Ordinary member Mr Huam Hock Seng was the lucky winner when he walked home with the gift horse worth \$88,650.00. The second prize a gold and diamond bracelet was won by Dato' Paduka Lakhbir Singh Chahl. The third prize a set of gold and diamond choker and bracelet went to Mr Lim Keng Hock.

Mr David Chester of Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd presented a framed souvenir photograph to Mr Tang Weng Fei for winning the inaugural Magic Millions race in Penang on 10 September 2000.



David Chester presenting souvenir to Tang Weng Fei.

Front Runner would like to thank all the sponsors for the valuable prizes donated for the dinner and the staff of Penang Turf Club who worked very hard to make the dinner a success.

With continued support from our sponsors Front Runner believes the annual dinner for 2001 will be even bigger and ordinary members can certainly look forward to the many more valuable lucky draw prizes to be given away. So keep your date free for the Club's annual dinner!

2001 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP

A princess comes to town for the royal touch

Since Queen Elizabeth II visited the Singapore Turf Club at the Bukit Timah Racecourse during a state visit to Singapore in 1972, no other member of the British monarchy has visited the Club again.

That is until Princess Michael came a calling on October 20 when the 2001 running of Queen Elizabeth II Cup, inaugurated in 1972 to mark the Queen's visit, was staged.

It was indeed a great honour for the Singapore Turf Club which has since moved to the state-of-the-art Singapore Racecourse at Kranji.

The President of the Penang Turf Club, Ong Eng Khuan, was among those who were privileged to meet the princess.

The princess was not just there to present the trophies to the winning connections, she also toured the facilities at the Singapore Turf Club.



PNTC President Ong Eng Khuan posing with Princess Michael of Kent at Kranji Racecourse.

"I am impressed by the stables, particularly as they were air-conditioned for the comfort of the animals. I was also impressed that the stables were built facing one another, which allows the horses to see each other and the world go by in between. Visual simulation is important for the animals," said the princess who has been breeding horses for the past 13 years.

Prior to race day, she also gave a surprisingly informative talk, complete with slideshow, on the early days of the thoroughbred racing during the reign of King Charles II of England at a high tea jointly hosted by the Singapore Turf Club and Raffles International at the Raffles Hotel ballroom.

But why is she called Michael, which is a man's name?

"It's like a woman taking their husband's name upon marriage. Likewise, I've taken my husband's name - Prince Michael of Kent," she explains.

Born Marie-Christine Von Reibnitz in Bohemia in 1945, Princess Michael descends from ancient European aristocratic houses on both sides of her family. She is the youngest child of Baron Gunther Von Reibnitz and his wife Marianne, a countess in her own right. Her maternal grandmother was a princess and it was on her estate in Austria that Marie-Christine was born.

Prince Michael is the son of George, Duke of Kent, the fifth of King George V and Queen Mary's six children: Edward VIII abdicated in 1936, George VI (Albert, 1895-1952), Mary, The Princess Royal (1897-1965), Prince Henry Duke of Gloucester (1900-1974), Prince George Duke of Kent (1902-1942) and Prince John (1905-1919).

Prince George married the beautiful Princess Marina of Greece. Therefore, Prince Michael is a cousin to both the Queen and Prince Philip. Prince George died in a plane crash during World War II. Prince Michael was an infant at the time. Prince Michael's full name is Prince Michael George Charles Franklin - the Franklin being after his godfather, US President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

During her visit, Princess Michael said that despite her years of involvement with horses, she was "not good at it" when it comes to picking winners.

Few, however, could have predicted the turn of events in the 2001 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Singapore.

Bocelli, who was invited to run in the Group 1 version of the race over 1,600m at Royal Ascot but failed to impress, won the Singapore version



on his return from England.

But weeks later, *Bocelli* was disqualified after returning a positive swab and the race was awarded to the runner-up *Saddle Up*.

The Indian bred thus became the first horse since racing in Singapore and Malaysia went separate ways to win a classic on both sides of the causeway.

Early last year, *Saddle Up*, when trained in Ipoh by Frenchman Arnaud de Moussac, won the Tunku Gold Cup over 2,000m at Sungei Besi.

Saddle Up was sent to Singapore to continue his racing career, on the recommendation of his trainer, not knowing at that time, he was to be granted stables at Kranji to train.

New Zealander Laurie Laxon was the trainer of *Saddle Up* in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, but he missed the chance of a once-in-a-lifetime photo with the royal visitor.

Above, top: Mr Ong being introduced to the royal visitor.

Above: Mr Ong with long-time racehorse owner Freddie Lee Thiam Yee, who is also the brother of Singapore's statesman Lee Kuan Yew.

A page from the past



Photo shows (now Dato) Teh Choon Beng receiving the 'Doc' J R Rodgers Memorial Football Trophy from the late Mrs H Rodgers after his team emerged victorious in an inter-stable tournament in 1983.

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 in 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 Penang Gold Cup becomes first million-ringggit race in Malaysia.

2002

November — Penang Turf Club members vote to build a new ultra-modern racecourse. Yang Di Pertua Negeri Penang Gold Cup stakes is increased to 1.3 million ringgit.

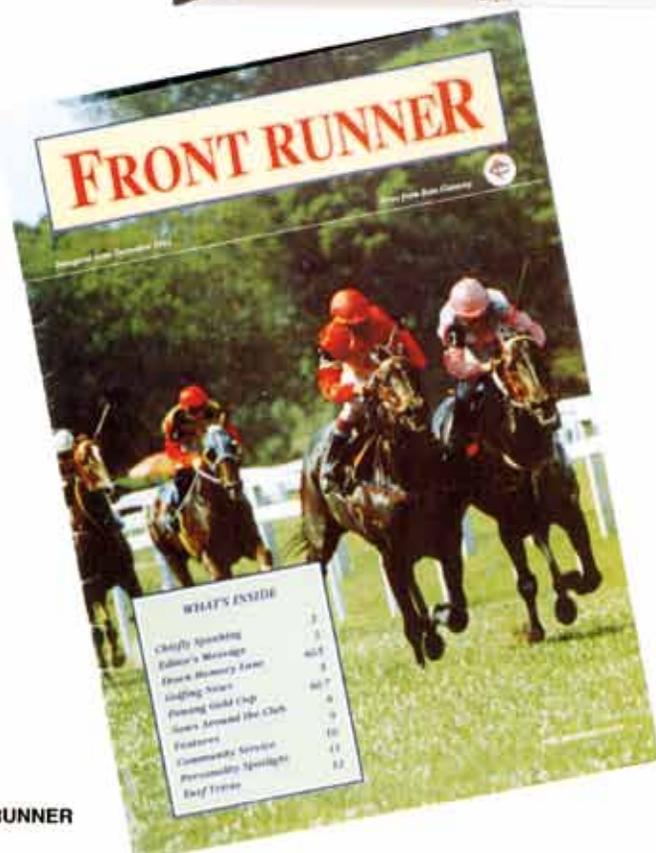
FRONT RUNNER 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A decade of serving members

Right: Past and present Editorial Board members (from left) Robin Rizal PH Tan, Teoh Ming Liang, John Alexander Rodgers, Dato Ong Eng Khuan, Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim and Lawrence Cheah cutting a cake to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of *Front Runner*.



Below: Front cover of the inaugural issue in December 1993.



4 FRONT RUNNER

Ten years ago, following (now Dato) Ong Eng Khuan's election into the Penang Turf Club (PNTC) Committee, he was assigned the task by the Committee to launch the Club's magazine.

Ong took up the challenge and together with two others including Teoh Ming Liang, started putting their vision between the covers.

"I was invited to serve on the first editorial board," recalls Teoh. "The initial meeting was held at Ong's office at 46 Rangoon Road, Penang, and in the agenda one of the items was to come out with a proper name for the magazine. I was impressed when the name was chosen. Wow! *Front Runner* - so realistic and so savoir faire!"

Why the name *Front Runner*?

"Well, in racing terms a 'front runner' is a horse that gives its best when leading," explains Dato Ong.

"I remember things were much simpler then. Besides being the editor, I was at the same time storyteller, researcher and cameraman. Even though my hands were full, I enjoyed myself immensely in putting up the magazine in the early years as the Editorial Board gave me a free reign.

Looking back ten years down the road, I am glad I was given the opportunity to start *Front Runner* and see it grow to be what it is today, a race magazine chronicling the Club's events and racing in the MRA and abroad.

"As we are the oldest club in the country with a heritage spanning over 139 years, *Front Runner* encapsulates our achievements and aspirations for the future. Batu Gantong is indeed proud to have produced many legends of the turf and many firsts in the record books of the MRA which have remained unbroken up till today," Dato Ong goes on to say.

"Since its birth, *Front Runner* has given its best and transformed itself into a top quality racing magazine in this region," says Lawrence Cheah, a one-time editorial board member.

He continues: "From the beginning, the focus of the board members was absolutely clear: to cover racing news, personalities, articles and horse gossips in ways it was not being covered.

"I am certain the *Front Runner* will continue to be as inquisitive, entertaining and lively as our new editor John Alexander Rodgers knows how to take them ... full of news, views and information ... you will not find in any of the other racing publications you read," comments Cheah.

"It fills me with pride to see that after all these years, *Front Runner* not only continues to be a

widely read magazine by the racing fraternity and members," comments Teoh.

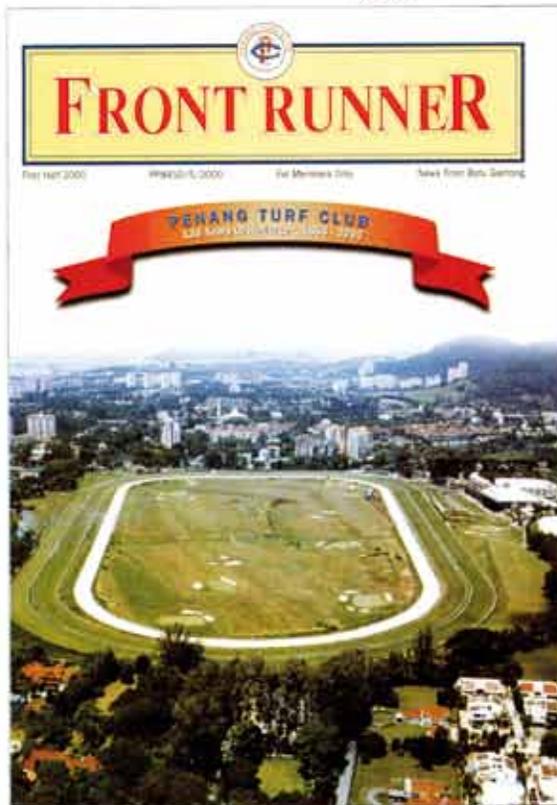
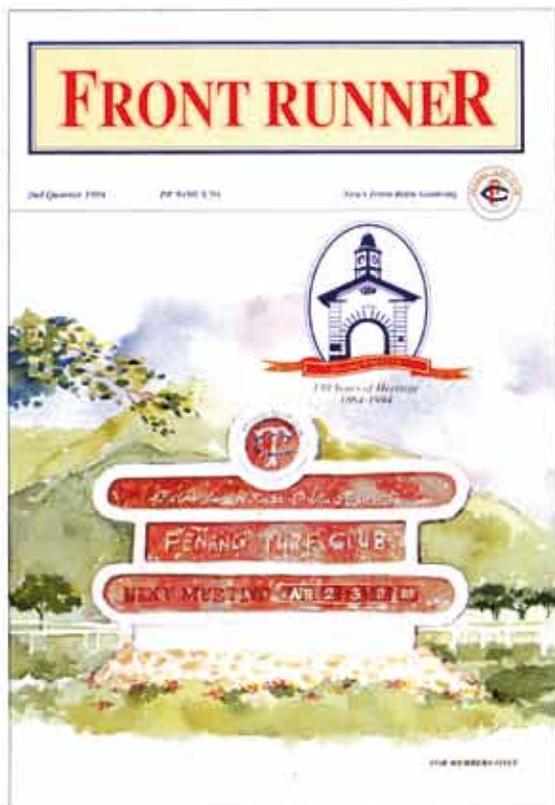
"From its humble beginning, when we were limited to few pages, it is now more informative and far more expressive in its portrayal of the racing industry, as it moves along with the times and events, Good coverage, great prints and excellent qualities in so far as the articles are concerned.

"My congratulation goes to the editorial board, especially its editor — my good friend, John Alexander Rodgers, for a job well done. Keep up the good work, mate!," Teoh concludes.



Above: PNTC and the jockeys' contribution to the Afghanistan Welfare Fund being highlighted in the cover of the 1st Issue 2002.

Below: Covers of the 2nd Quarter 1994 issue (left) and First Half 2000 issue.



TOTALISATOR BOARD MALAYSIA

Dato Ong Eng Khuan the new Chairman

Penang Turf Club President, Dato Ong Eng Khuan was given the honour to head the Totalisator Board when he was nominated Chairman, by the Minister of Finance. His appointment for a term of two years took effect on 15 July 2004.

This is the first time in the Club's history that a member has been appointed Chairman of the Totalisator Board ever since the establishment of the Board in 1961. In the past, the Chairmanship of the Board had always rotated among the Chairman of Perak Turf Club, Selangor Turf Club and nominees of the government. The appointment coming on the 140th Anniversary of the Club is an occasion for celebration. The Club hosted a dinner on 2 September 2004 in the Club's Main Tote Hall when over 300 Ordinary Members and their spouses attended the function.

The Totalisator Board set up by an Act of Parliament, Racing (Totalisator Board) Act 1961 conferred on the Board powers to conduct betting for the racing public through a scheme for the operation of totalisators and totalisator agencies. Other powers of the Board include equine research and to establish and maintain Turf Clubs.

The National Stud Farm located in Tanjong Rambutan, Perak, the only stud farm in the country is owned by the Totalisator Board.

The Board conducts its operations through its authorised agent, Pan Malaysian Pools Sdn Bhd. Besides collecting revenue for the Treasury, the Board donates many millions to various social and charitable causes in the country every year.

Dato Ong hopes to give a new direction to the billion dollar racing industry by promoting more excellence and professionalism and address the many challenges especially the increasing competition from other forms of gaming and leisure pursuits. The sport of horse racing and equestrian sports should be made more accessible and enjoyed by the public at large. To increase revenue



Dato Ong Eng Khuan.

for the Treasury and combat illegal gaming, the Turf Clubs, the Police and Administrators of racing ought to work more closely together.

The Board has since approved betting on races from Hong Kong Jockey Club and the setting up of Off-Course Betting Centres for the three Turf Clubs which Selangor Turf Club has implemented to be followed by our Club before the end of the year. For the future, there are plans for online betting for subscribers to Astro's racing channel.

The office of the Totalisator Board is located on the 54th floor Tower (2) of the Petronas Twin Towers Kuala Lumpur. Dato Ong is now dividing his responsibilities and time between Batu Gantong and Kuala Lumpur City Centre. *Front Runner* extends its best wishes and warmest congratulations to Dato Ong on his appointment.

The many roles of Dato Ong Eng Khuan



Shown in this page are just some of the many roles taken by Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan in recent times.

Left: Receiving a memento from Dato Seri Abdullah Badawi after presenting a cheque to the UTAR Fund on behalf of Penang Turf Club.

Below, left: Presenting the 2003 MRA Awards on behalf of MRA.

Below, right: Dato Ong (right) at the signing of the Good Neighbour Policy in Hong Kong.

Bottom: Presenting prizes to winners of the Penang Turf Club Trophy in Perth (left) and Kranji (right).



ROYAL ASCOT VISIT

Historic visit for Ong and Teh

The President, Dato Ong Eng Khuan and Committee Member, Dato Teh Choon Beng and Datin Teh attended the Royal Meeting at Ascot, England in June.

Set in the beautiful Berkshire countryside, Britain's finest racecourse owes its existence to Queen Anne who first sanctioned racing there in 1711. The course still owned by the monarchy is right handed and a little more than 14 furlongs in circumference. A straight mile track meets the round course 3 furlongs before the finish.

Although Dato Ong and Dato Teh were invited to the Royal Enclosure (entry is by invitation only), the tickets still cost £75.00 per person per day. Like everyone else in the Royal Enclosure, they had to dress up — top hat and all! The seats in the Royal Enclosure cannot be reserved and once vacated, you remain standing until another vacant seat is available. Tickets purchased cannot be transferred and if you are caught transferring your tickets, the offenders will be barred for life from Ascot! Over 300,000 visitors attended the races and more than £3.5 million in prize money was given out over the Royal Meeting.

It was in 1825 that King George IV began the tradition of royal procession from Windsor Castle that remains the opening feature of the royal week at Ascot. The Queen and members of the Royal family will travel the length of the straight mile in horse-drawn carriages at 2:00pm on all five days. The mid June meeting is fashion's grandest outdoor event and for those who may be forgiven for not noticing, the finest racing of the season.

After all, it is not everyday that one sees actress Elizabeth Hurley, banking scion Baron de Rothschild and His Royal Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai sharing the same stage at the winners podium at Ascot. Every second person you meet at Ascot is a lady with a fancy *sambreo* size hat festooned with flowers and feathers and dressed up like Audrey Hepburn in 'My Fair Lady'. With summer temperatures soaring in the high 80s, the rule



Left: Dato Ong Eng Khuan (left) and Dato Teh Choon Beng at Royal Ascot.

Below: Queen Elizabeth II's carriage arriving at the racecourse.

Opposite page, top: Hats and fashion are very much a part of Royal Ascot.

Opposite page, middle: The saddling enclosure at Royal Ascot.

Opposite page, bottom: An artist impression of Royal Ascot after redevelopment.



requiring shoulders be covered and legs enclosed in tights was not enforced. It was a feast of colours and fashion from hats, shoes, bare shoulders, slits, hemlines and plunging cleavage from a new breed of racing fillies! Even Ascot is keeping up with changing times!

Everyday racegoers are invited to communal singing, around the bandstand at 6:00pm where bands from the Grenadier Guards and Life Guards perform. Songs like *Rule Britannia* to *Land of Hope and Glory* have become synonymous with Royal Ascot.

The familiar face is of course, Frankie Dettori who resorted to his flying dismount no less than six times over the Royal Meeting. There is already a statue of Dettori at the entrance to Ascot commemorating his unprecedented seven victories from seven mounts in September 1996.

It was a historic visit to Ascot as this is the last time racegoers will see Ascot as it is, as it will be closed for two years for redevelopment costing over £185 million. The new Ascot Racecourse will be a completely new design. The new design is the work of HOK Sport + Venue + Event sports architecture specialists who incidentally are our architects for the Club's new racecourse. HOK are also the designers of the new Wembley Stadium and the centre court roof at Wimbledon.

Frankie Dettori has since rode his 2,000 winner in Britain and capped the performance by winning the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in July. When the redevelopment of Ascot is completed, they might as well rename it Dettori Downs!

Next year, the races at Royal Ascot will be held at the racecourse in York.



FACTS & FIGURES — BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

During Royal Ascot, the hospitality provided:

- ◆ 150,000 bottles of Champagne
- ◆ 100,000 bottles of wine
- ◆ 4,000 bottles of Pimms
- ◆ 7,500 lobsters
- ◆ 3.5 tonnes of smoked salmon
- ◆ 5 tonnes of strawberries
- ◆ 375 tonnes of ice
- ◆ 1,650 gallons of cream



FRONT RUNNER 15

GOLD CUP/140TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Looking back with pride and satisfaction

Right: Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas arriving at the dinner flanked by Dato Teh Choon Beng (*left*) and Dato Ong Eng Khuan (*right*).

Below: Jonathan Houston and Elaine Teh.



Opposite page (clockwise from top left): Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas conducting a lucky draw; Australian ensemble *Pot-Pourri* entertaining the guests; Dato Ong Eng Khuan (*with yellow tie*) sportingly dances on stage; Datin Teh Choon Beng, Dato Teh Choon Beng, Tan Soo Cheng and Jason Teh.

Other photos show some of the many guests who attended the dinner.

The Penang Turf Club (PNTC) can look back at its history with pride and satisfaction, said President Dato Ong Eng Khuan at the Club's dinner on December 24, 2004 to celebrate its 140th anniversary and the running of the Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup.

"As a non-profit making organisation, we have made our mark in the fabric of the community. No other sport has contributed as much as thoroughbred racing which is the sport of kings, or rather the king of sports, to social and charitable causes in the country," Dato Ong said.

"In commemoration of our 140th anniversary celebrations, my Committee members together with the racing fraternity from at home and abroad managed to raise RM700,000 in aid of the Tuanku Fauziah Foundation and the Persatuan Wanita Berilmu Malaysia. Every year, the racing industry

together with the Totalisator Board Malaysia also contribute many millions to various charities in the country.

"The billion dollar racing industry should





continue to improve in the year 2005 with the likely resumption of movement of horses for racing on both sides of the causeway, and with the further increase in stakesmonies of RM1.65 million at our club for non feature races.”

At the dinner, there were 75 lucky draw prizes for Ordinary Members (Committee Members, staff who are Ordinary Members and their immediate families excluded) with the first prize being a two-year-old chestnut gelding valued at RM140,000.

To entertain the guests, the PNTC brought in *Pot-Pourri*, a world class music theatre ensemble from Melbourne, Australia.

The guests of honour were Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas and his consort Toh Puan Datin Seri Hajjah Majimor binte Shariff.

Other guests included Dr Yeo Ning Hong, Chairman of the Singapore Totalisator Board, who was visiting Penang Turf Club for the first time.



A getaway in Penang Hill

NEWLY RENOVATED HOLIDAY BUNGALOW FOR PENANG TURF CLUB ORDINARY MEMBERS



Above: A view of the bungalow.

Right: A tastefully furnished bedroom.



The Penang Turf Club recently purchased a holiday bungalow at Penang Hill for the use of Ordinary Members and their families.

Situated just ten minutes from the Viaduct Station, its location would provide a private getaway and relaxing holiday for Ordinary Members looking for a short break away from city life. Ordinary Members and their families will enjoy fresh air and tranquility of the hills. The picturesque view and natural settings would serve as a therapeutic effect for some people.

The bungalow, which is available from July 2005 onwards, is fully equipped and furnished and comprises three large bedrooms and a fully equipped kitchen. Facilities for outdoor barbeques



are available and there is a full time caretaker residing at a separate section of the bungalow to render cooking assistance for a small fee, if so required.

Dr Chong Keat Foong was the first member to make use of the bungalow for a family holiday.

"We went up to the bungalow using the Penang Hill Railway. The bungalow was a leisurely 10-minute walk from the Viaduct Station. The

building was newly renovated with a brand new set of furniture and most of the utensils and game sets were in their original packing. It felt great to be the first to use the place.

"There were three large bedrooms, a large sitting lounge cum TV room and a spacious dining room cum mahjong/games room. The building sits strategically on a promontory with 180-degree view of the east coast of Penang Island and the mainland beyond.

"The garden was neatly trimmed and fringed with flowering plants. It was still in the process of being improved, but one could see the making of a simple tastefully laid out garden with much open space. The whole garden is brightly and imaginatively lighted up at night, which is quite a sight to behold with the city lights in the background," Dr Chong said.

"During our stay, we were honored by the visit of our President (Dato Ong Eng Khuan) who is a resident of the Hill. He dropped in on both the days we were there, to personally make sure that we were comfortable and that the facilities at the bungalow were up to expectations," added Dr Chong.

For further details and booking procedures, contact Ms Daisy Neoh or Mr Tan Boon Kuan (Administration Department) at telephone No. 04-2293233.



Top: The dining room.

Above, left: The comfortable lounge area.

Above, right: The well equipped kitchen.

Right: The well maintained garden.



Scholarship awards launched

SCHEME TO HELP FINANCIALLY NEEDY AND ACADEMICALLY DESERVING STUDENTS

Penang Turf Club's reputation as a responsible organisation, always mindful of the needy and less fortunate, was raised a notch when it launched a Scholarship Awards scheme last year.

The scheme aims to help financially needy and academically deserving Malaysian students currently pursuing studies in Form 4, Form 5 and Form 6.

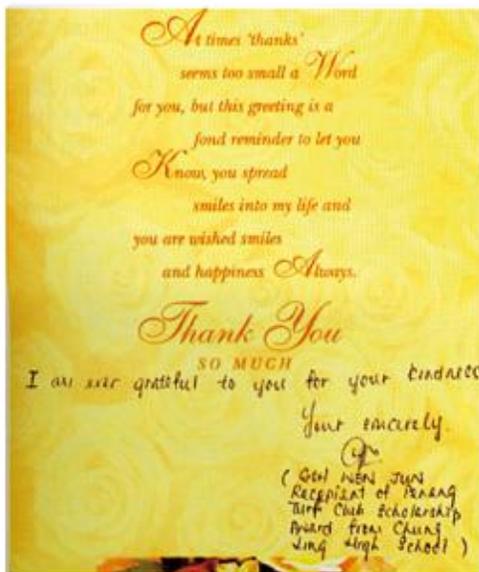
Applicants must have good academic results and those who excel in sports are also encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to orphans, students with single parent and parents earning less than RM1,500 per month.

The Scholarship Awards are subject to terms and conditions stated in the Scholarship agreement and there is no bond attached to the Scholarship.

So far this year, a total of RM80,000 has been disbursed to 60 deserving students.

Penang Turf Club's noble scheme has touched the hearts of many needy students and greatly assisted them in their academic pursuits.

On this page, we reproduce one of the many letters we have received and a thank you card from grateful recipients.



25 May 2006

Dear Committee Members of Penang Turf Club,

I was very excited to receive my scholarship notification letter on 19th of May and I am writing this letter to express my sincerest thanks to the Penang Turf Club for providing the Penang Turf Club Scholarship Award.

For your information, I am now studying in Lower Form Six in Penang Methodist Boy School. I am a science-class-student taking Biology as the main subject as well as other five subjects. Receiving this scholarship motivates me to continue to strive for excellence in my study. This scholarship support has enabled me to concentrate more on schoolwork without having to worry about finances and most importantly, it will contribute to my effort in realizing my dream, which is to become a doctor.

Your generosity has made a profound impact on my education life and I am truly grateful to be the recipient of this scholarship award. Receiving this scholarship is of tremendous benefit to me and also my parents. The gift of an education is one of the most invaluable tools one can carry with them throughout life, and with this scholarship you are helping me to continue receiving that special gift.

I am very honored to be the recipient of this scholarship award and I look forward to being able to give back to the community when I have completed my higher education in the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Penang Turf Club Committee Members for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,


(QUAH CHIA LI)

'King' meets Queen

KING AND KING TRIUMPHS IN QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP WITH HER MAJESTY IN ATTENDANCE

Queen Elizabeth II made her first visit to the Singapore Racecourse at Kranji on March 18, 2006 to witness the race named in her honour and present the prizes to the winning connections. The Queen Elizabeth II Cup was inaugurated in 1972 to mark Her Majesty's visit to the Bukit Timah Racecourse and her recent visit was the first since then.

With the presence of Her Majesty, who else but the aptly named *King And King*, ridden by Richard Lim, should flash past the post first in the S\$350,000 Queen Elizabeth II Cup over 2,000m.

Since finishing fourth in the Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup in Penang on New Year's Day, the five-year-old bay Australian gelding by *Celestial Dancer* out of the *Persian Heights* mare *Merriang Road* has improved by leaps and bounds.

King And King began the 2006 season by winning twice over 1,800m, then stormed home to finish third to *Diamond Dust* in the Chairman's Prize over a less suitable trip of 1,600m in February.

Winner of a race each at Moonee Valley and Flemington before coming out to Singapore, *King And King* (formerly *Bojack*) was handy throughout, ranged alongside New Zealand Derby and 2005 Singapore Gold Cup runner-up *Mount Street*, who set the pace after a slightly slow start, at the top of the straight.

The pair then drew away to fight out the finish with *King And King* prevailing by a neck. Newly-crowned 2005 Singapore Horse of the Year *Big Easy*, who has just returned after two unplaced runs in Dubai, finished third, a further one-and-a-half lengths away.

Winning trainer Steven Burridge, trying hard to hide his emotion, was overjoyed to have not



Above: King And King edges out Mount Street.

only won the feature race but to have the Cup presented to him by Queen Elizabeth II. It was the first feature race success for former jockey-turned-trainer in his second season in Singapore.

"For the horse to go on and win again like this it's very good for not only myself and my wife but the owners and the stable staff as well," said Burridge. "I was a little worried when the track was so dry and that he went to the front so quick!"

"This horse tends to be a bit one-paced and can look around when he's out on his own, but it all worked out in the end."

For Lim it was the highlight of his career. "I did win a Group One race in Kuala Lumpur last month but this has to be my biggest day ever. To win this race and meet the Queen, well I've never had a day like it before!"

Below, left: Jockey Richard Lim receiving his trophy from Queen Elizabeth II.

Below: Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan greeting Queen Elizabeth II on her arrival at the Singapore Turf Club.

Photos courtesy of Singapore Turf Club.





JAPAN CLIPPING

Japanese journalist and broadcaster Yuka Ashiya recently paid her second visit to Penang. The following is a translation of her article.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT HORSE RACING IN MALAYSIA By Yuka Ashiya

Recently, I had a second opportunity to attend the horse racing in Penang, Malaysia. The history of Penang Turf Club dates back to 1864 when the Club was first established. Horse racing never ceased since the colonial times as well as throughout the time of the Japanese Occupation. The Club is well known as a place where adults socialise and anyone under 18 years old is not allowed to enter the Club even though he or she may be accompanied by adults.

One of the Committee Members, Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng has made his name in the Guinness Book of Records for being a successful record breaking trainer with 7 winners from the same stable at the same meet in Singapore. The Club is very fortunate and blessed to have such an eminent Committee Member with ideas and suggestions based on his experience to revitalise the Club. I do not think that we can find an equivalent Committee Member in Japan with the experience similar to that of Dato Seri Teh.

It is interesting to note that the commission received by trainers and jockeys as an award for winning the race is a fixed percentage. But in Japan, horse owners are not happy that

マレーシアの競馬から学ぶこと



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先日、マレーシア・ペナン局で2度目の競馬観戦▼ペナンターフクラブの歴史は古く、創設は1864年。英国の植民地時代も日本の占領地時代も競馬は続けられてきた。大人の社交場だから、親と一緒にでも18歳未満は入場できない▼ここにTeh Choon Bengさんという委員がいる。ギネスブックにも名前が載るほど功績のある、クラブ初の調教師出身の委員だ。氏は「現場、で得た知識や考えから次々と新しい提案をし、クラブの刷新を図っている。日本では過去、おそらく調教師出身の理事クラスはいまい▼マレーシアでは調教師と騎手の賞金手当の割合が同じ、というのも興味深い。日本では馬主の間で、騎手が受け取る賞金額がベテランも新人も同じ賞金の5倍とはどんなものかという意見が以前からあるからだ▼マレーシアの競馬から参考にできることは多々ありそうだ。

experienced and new jockeys are receiving the same 5% award. Therefore, there is a lot for us, Japanese to learn from horse racing in Malaysia.



Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan (left) presenting a plaque to Ooi Thean Inn, who is an Ordinary Member, in appreciation of his services as an Honorary Assistant Judge from 1999 to 2005



DOYEN OF MEMBERS

Lim Chiang Kheng a regular face at the Club for 32 years

At age 83, Lim Chiang Kheng is the doyen of the Ordinary Members of the Penang Turf Club, having been an active member since May 30, 1975.

Lim also served as an Honorary Assistant Judge at the Club for ten years until 1992, when the duty of a caring grandparent took precedent and Lim and his wife had to leave Penang to help look after their grandsons Bryan and Shawn in Kuala Lumpur.

With their grandsons having grown into active teens, Lim is back in Penang and is a regular face at the club again. "I attend most of the race meetings including the off-course races," Lim told Front Runner in an interview.

Lim has been interested in sports since his school days at the Penang Free School. "I participated with distinction in all the field games and gaining the School Colours. I was also a School Prefect," Lim said.

"My sporting activities continued after my student days for a number of years, culminating in my being selected to represent Penang state teams in cricket and hockey. I was also a member of the Penang All Blues Rugby team."

To this day, Lim remains active and keeps healthy by making daily early morning trips to the Penang Botanical Gardens for his exercise and walk.

Lim caught the racing bug in the early 1950s and was fortunate to see some of the champions in the flesh.

"I remember fondly the late "Doc" Rodgers and his *Bright Eyes* (*Pageant-Sarteress Mare*), as well as *Three Rings* (*The Phoenix-Vanity Fair by Fairway*) who won the Gold Cup in Penang in 1954 and 1956. (*Three Rings* also won the Singapore Gold Cup in 1954, 1956 and 1957.)

"Another one of my favourite horses was *Cash Inn* (*Solonaway-Northern Line by Borealis*), trained by the late Teh Say Leong and owned by my friend Chan Ewe Leong, who won the Penang Gold Cup in 1962.

"An amateur rider in his younger days, Chan was very active at the Club for a long time and until recently was an Honorary Paddock Steward at the Club," recalled Lim.

"As a Penangite, I certainly enjoyed the exploits of Penang based horses trained by Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng in the numerous classics around the country and Singapore. Those were the days when racing was at its very best!", he said.

"I knew Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng when he was a young man following his late father, Teh Say Leong around. I was then in Societa Commissionaira, a Swiss company in Penang for 34 years. I recollect our enjoyable lunches at Ang Hoay Lor Restaurant in those days in Magazine Road. Today, I am very pleased to see him very successful in life and breaking racing records and together with the President and Committee Members, improve the Club tremendously.

"It is my earnest wish to see that this grand sport of kings continue to flourish in this country, especially now that we are having cross-border racing and simulcast racing with Singapore, Macau, Hong Kong, South Africa and in the near future, with Australia."

Lim is married to Ho Guat Kooi and they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Jubilee on May 28, 2007.



Lim Chiang Kheng and his wife Ho Guat Kooi



PEDAL POWER

1st Malaysian Pedal Car Race makes it to Malaysia Book of Records

The weatherman predicted rain but August 19, 2007 was a beautiful and sunny day for the 1st running of the Malaysian Pedal Car Race organised by the Penang Turf Club.

The police started to close all roads approaching the Esplanade at 7.00am and half an hour later, the "circuit" was ours to race. A big 'thank you' to the Penang State Government for giving their full support to this inaugural fun event.

The pedal cars were then unloaded from the two huge TNT trucks that were parked overnight at the Town Hall. Competitors started to arrive and by 8.30am, all 175 competitors were accounted for and duly registered. Hundreds of supporters for the 35 teams were also there.

Briefing by race officials started promptly at 8.30am and by 9.00am everyone was raring to start practicing. Tyres were pumped up to the correct pressure and

the "paddock engineers" made sure the pedal cars were primed to race. It was "all systems go".

At 11.30am, YB Teng Chang Yeow, the Executive Councillor with the tourism portfolio officially opened the event by pedalling a car for 50 meters and then breaking the tape which let loose 300 balloons into the sky, all in the club's colours of red, white and blue.

It is inevitable that such a novel event



Chequered flag for a participating team



YB Teng Chang Yeow breaking the tape on his pedal car to launch the event

Jeremy Teh, the Managing Director of KKP Industries Sdn Bhd, drove down from Ipoh early Sunday morning to watch his team in action. All the three Area Managers of HSBC Bank, CIMB Bank and Hong Leong Bank arrived early. The Managing Director of Limbongan Batu Maung arrived together with at least 200 supporters. The shipyard was closed to enable their employees to attend the event and cheer their team.

Seagate Technology was headed by one of their Vice Presidents. Pan Malaysian Pool's Manager was there and in fact, he was part of the team. TNT, the event's logistics partner was represented by their Area Manager and the two huge orange trucks that transported all the 25 pedal cars like in Formula One. The boss of CG Computers, the Apple people, was there before 8.00am to make sure his team warmed up properly.

will make it to the *Malaysia Book of Records* and after his opening speech, YB Teng presented the *Malaysia Book of Records* certificate to John Alexander Rodgers and he also congratulated the turf club for initiating such a novel event which has the capability of attracting tourists.

and during the race, the cheering was deafening. Many tourists were also seen cheering and urging the participants to go faster.

Ten schools took part and each team was led by a teacher. To these dedicated teachers who not only came for the

In fact, even for this year's race, teams from United Kingdom, Australia and Hong Kong had indicated their interest to take part but since it was our first time in organising such a race on a big scale, we were not quite ready to have them yet. Next year, we will welcome foreign teams for sure.

One of the most remarkable thing about the event is the amount of team spirit it managed to generate. For example, all the various banks and companies that took part had their respective Managing Directors, Area Managers and Vice Presidents there on race day to lend support to their teams. In addition, the employees turned out in full force. Everyone wore shirts bearing their companies' logos and colours. Warm up chants (like in Rugby games) were heard



John Alexander Rodgers testing a pre-production car at the paddocks of the Penang Turf Club



CLUB IMPRESSES TYCOON

Magic Millions Chairman Gerry Harvey visits Penang Turf Club for the first time

Gerry Harvey is one of Australia's best known retailers, a well known horse-breeder and Chairman of Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd (MM).

Co-founder of the Harvey Norman Group, the 68-year-old Australian is also the proprietor of Broombee and Baramul Studs which undertake an annual breeding program involving over 320 broodmares.

Harvey, on a recent visit as guest of Penang Turf Club (PNTC) and despite not having a chance to watch the races at Batu Gantong (cancelled due to two days of heavy rain), commented that he still loved every minute of his stay.

"I was really looking forward to watching the races in Penang but too bad, the weather ruined it. Anyway, I would make an effort to come back next time and hopefully, the weather would be better," said the affable Harvey.

Although he only had less than 48 hours in his first visit to Penang, Harvey was quite impressed with the set-up at the PNTC.

"This is a very interesting place with picturesque environment. It is very refreshing to see so many green leafy forest surrounding the racecourse. The club has been a perfect host and I want to thank the President and Committee Members of the club especially Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng for their kind hospitality. I'm here on the personal invitation of

Teh," said Harvey.

When asked on the present scenario of horse-racing in Malaysia, Harvey paused for a second before saying that there is still a long way to go before the industry here can obtain recognition and success like the other racing centres in Australia, Japan or Hong Kong.

He noted that the number of owners is decreasing which is a major concern partly because of the low prizemoney.

"In order for the racing industry to survive, I personally think that you need and must cultivate potential owners. To do so, you have to keep racing very, very interesting in order to retain the fans and hopefully from those fans, will attract new players to the game," stressed Harvey.

He also said that the Malaysian clubs should try and race some horses in Australia to boost their image and identity abroad.

The subject of horse-racing in Malaysia also drew response from MM Managing Director David Chester who was accompanying Harvey on his visit to the PNTC.

"The Malaysian market is very important to Magic Millions. We've a good support base here and in return, we'll do whatever is necessary to support the industry here. Our main effort includes the MM Classic race in Penang which is

the most lucrative event we've sponsored in this part of the world," said Chester.

As for the Equine Influenza (EI) which has practically brought races in Queensland and New South Wales to a standstill, Harvey remains optimistic the "epidemic" will be over pretty soon.

"I've more than 1,000 horses affected by the flu and I can only hope that the virus will clear up soon and we can get racing back and running," said Harvey, who had served five years on the board of the Sydney Turf Club.

Some of the outstanding horses that Harvey has bred and owned include *Polar Success, Lotteria, Savabeel, Ivory's Irish, Arlington Road, Best French, West Country, Into The Night* and *World Peace*.



Gerry Harvey with Penang Turf Club Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng



TURKEY LINK

Malayan Racing Association establishes reciprocal race with Jockey Club of Turkey

The first Malayan Racing Association (MRA) reciprocal race with the Jockey Club of Turkey was held at Veliefendi Racecourse, Istanbul on April 29, 2007. The reciprocal race for the MRA was made possible following a visit to the Jockey Club of Turkey by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen in 2005 when the Ministry of Agriculture in Ankara requested Malaysia to establish ties between the Jockey Club of Turkey and the turf clubs in Malaysia and Singapore.

The MRA Trophy, a Grade III event for three-year-olds over 1,600m on the turf, was won by the favourite *Topor* (b.c. *Sri Pekan - Shiero* by *Castle Rising*), owned



Koh Yong Guan, on behalf of MRA, presenting the trophy to winning trainer Bulent Tosun. Looking on is Dato Ong Eng Khuan on the right



Topor winning the MRA Cup in Turkey



REMEMBERING GOOD OLD TIMES

18 former jockeys hosted to dinner by Penang Turf Club in Perth

It was a night of nostalgia and a time for reminiscence of the good old days when a group of 18 former jockeys from Western Australia, accompanied by their spouses, were hosted to dinner by Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan, Committee Members Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng and John Alexander Rodgers in Perth on December 3, 2007.

These jockeys had all at one time or another thrilled local racegoers with their horsemanship on the tracks of Malaysia and Singapore.

Oldest among them was Roley Ransome, 85, who was accompanied by his wife Jackie. Ransome rode for the late Keith

Daniels, one of the leading trainers based in Bukit Timah, in 1955 and from 1959 to 1961.

Another senior jockey who attended the dinner was Harry McCloud, aged 83, who rode *Colonus (Portofino - Genoa)* to victory in the 1942 Melbourne Cup and went on to work under trainer "Doc" J R Rodgers in Malaya. The Rodgers-McCloud partnership won the Singapore Gold Cup with *Mubarak (Precipitation - Miss Minx)* in 1953 and again in 1954 with *Three Rings (The Phoenix - Vanity Fair)*. McCloud went on to win the Penang Gold Cup the same year with *Three Rings* and the Turku Gold Cup on the Rodgers-trained *Golden Lotus (The*

Bug - Carnmid).

Another jockey who rode for the late Rodgers, Merv Posner, was truly happy to be able to meet up with Committee Member John Alexander Rodgers (son of the late 'Doc' Rodgers) at the dinner. Posner won the Singapore Derby in 1961 with the Rodgers-trained *White Heather (Chamossaire - Grande Crue)*.

Former jockey Johnny Wilson, was truly touched that Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng had made a huge effort to organize this get-together, which allowed him to catch up on old times with Dato Seri Teh and J.A. Rodgers.



Former jockeys from Western Australia who are guests at a dinner hosted by the Penang Turf Club

Wilson first came to Malaya and rode for the late Rodgers. He won the 1974 Singapore Gold Cup on the Teh-trained *Man of Courage II* (*Henry's Choice - Jalna*). In 1975, the Teh-Wilson liaison landed the Perak Derby and Singapore Derby double with *Tien An Mun* (*Roan Rocket - No Relation*).

Another former jockey, Keith Watson, was also thrilled to be able to talk about the 'good old times' with Dato Seri Teh. Teh and Watson combined to win the Singapore Queen Elizabeth Cup in 1977 with *Regal Tan* (*Entrepreneur - Bezique*) and also the Singapore Pesta Sukan Cup in the same year with *Razzmatazz* (*Tudor Melody - Heliosian*).

Rod Staples was also pleased to be able to catch up with Dato Seri Teh as he had won the 1974 Agong Gold Cup with the Teh-trained *Sir Carrick* (*Princelone - Yelena*).

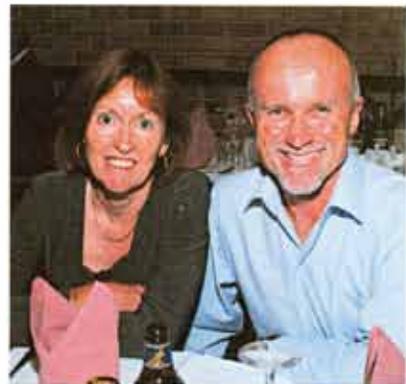
Paula Wagg, the first lady jockey who rode for Dato Seri Teh, is still very attractive.

Just two days earlier, Wagg, now a trainer, saddled *Spirited One* (*Verglas - Voodoo Belle*) to victory in the Perak Turf Club Trophy at Ascot.

Among the other former jockeys at the dinner were Gerry Donnelly, who won the Singapore Gold Cup in 1981 with *Taman Singapura* (*Showoff II - Gold Vink*) and the Singapore Lion City Cup the same year with *Favoured Gent* (*Privilege - Astronette*), Mark Sestich, who won the Singapore Gold Cup in 1986 with *St. Gallen* (*Decies - Aminona*) and Laurie Millington, winner of the 1980 Singapore Lion City Cup astride *Sovereign Escort II* (*St Chad - Alynda*). Also at the dinner were Bob Taylor with wife Pat, Frankie White, Terry Finger, Graeme Webster with wife Maureen, Jim Chadwick with wife Adrienne, Ian Albuino and Marilyn Fagan.

Indeed, it was a night to remember for all present at the get-together.

- by Goh Su Yen



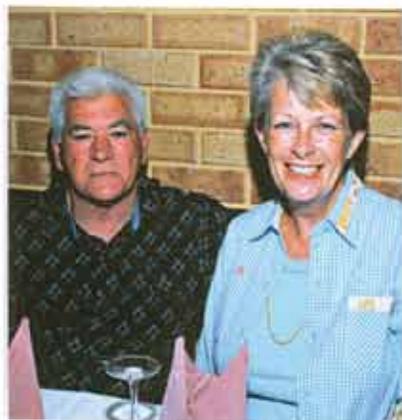
Rod Staples and wife



Marilyn Fagan and Paula Wagg



Goh Su Yen interviewing Johnny Wilson



Keith Watson and wife



John Alexander Rodgers, Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng, Harry McCloud, Merv Posner and Dato Ong Eng Khuan



CHIEF MINISTER ATTENDS DINNER

Lim Guan Eng's presence a boost to Penang Turf Club's effort to promote tourism

Newly installed Chief Minister of Penang Lim Guan Eng was the guest of honour at the Penang Turf Club Sprint Trophy dinner held on September 5, 2008.

Lim's presence was a clear indication of the importance the State placed on tourism as the Sprint Trophy meeting never fails to attract visitors from near and afar. This year was no exception as the Club welcomed many familiar and new faces alike. Over the years, the Sprint Trophy meeting has taken on an international flavour and the carnival-like atmosphere is what brings the visitors back year after year.

On September 6, the visitors were also feted to a welcome dinner jointly hosted by Penang Turf Club and Astro, sponsor of the Astro Wah Lai Toi Sprint Trophy.

The two dinners gave the visitors the chance to sample local and international fares.

However, for the second year running, the RM1 million Astro Wah Lai Toi Sprint Trophy was called off due to the adverse track conditions as a result of heavy rain.

Footnote: The 2008 Astro Wah Lai Toi Sprint Trophy has been re-scheduled to run later this year on December 21.



Lim Guan Eng (centre) flanked by Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan (left) and Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng on his arrival



TURF EVENT

PROFESSIONAL MAN WINS RICHEST RACE

Champion jockey Azhar Ismail bags first Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup



Professional Man (No. 14) storms home on the outside to win the Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup

Champion jockey Azhar Ismail was grinning from ear to ear after he partnered *Professional Man* to victory in the RM1.35 million Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup in Penang on December 28, 2008.

"I am extremely happy because this is my first (Yang Di Pertua Negeri) Gold Cup win after all these years," said the Penang based jockey.

Winning the 2,200m handicap also turned out to be the icing on the cake for Azhar. The affable jockey managed to retain the jockey's premiership after a keen tussle with Benny Woodworth and apprentice Harmeeet Singh Gill.

Professional Man (Royal Academy - *Mi Signora* by *Mi Preferido*) had a sensational debut season in 2008. The Australian gelding won in Restricted Maiden, Class 4, Class 3 and a combined Classes 2 and 3 race in quick succession.

His first big test came in the RM700,000 Coronation Cup (1,600m) in Ipoh on November 23 and he lost no marks despite finishing eighth to *Triple Luck* in the weight-for-age contest.

But he quickly made amends in the Gold Cup. With a postage stamp weight on his back, *Professional Man*, previously untested beyond 1,700m, raced fiercely and refused to settle early.



Beh Chin Pheng (right) receiving the winner's trophy from Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas.



Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas flanked by Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng (left) and Dato Ong Eng Khuan (right)



Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas having a word with David Chester (in batik), Managing Director of Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd. With them are Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng and Dato Ong Eng Khuan (right)

Azhar had to work overtime to place *Professional Man* in midfield racing in the back straight and he still had a lot to do making the home turn. Azhar managed to switch his mount wide out from the fence at the top of the straight to go after the leaders.

At the 200m, pacemaker *Sagar's Great* was tackled by *Kiko's Return*. They were joined by *Mighty Chic*, *Yakin* and *Professional Man*, making it five horses in a line momentarily.

But *Professional Man* opened in fine style in the closing stages and drew away from the rest to win by one and a half lengths from *Mighty Chic* (*Langfuhr - Blue Ibis* by *Dolphin Street*), giving owner Golden Knight Stable and trainer Kevin Coetzee their first Gold Cup success as well.

Kiko's Return (*Minardi - Joe's Girl* by *Amalgam*) and *Yakin* (*Danasinga - Lakshimi* by *Canny Lad*) shared third placing.

Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas, who was the guest of honour on Gold Cup day, went down to the saddling paddock and parade ring to take a closer look at the runners in the Gold Cup before the big race. Accompanied by other dignitaries and guests, he also soaked in the atmosphere of the Gold Cup at the parade ring. The Yang Di Pertua Negeri later presented the trophies to the winning connections.



Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas chatting with Singapore trainer Mohd Yusof (left). With them are Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng and Dato Ong Eng Khuan (right)



From left: Penang Turf Club Committee Member John Alexander Rodgers, Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng, Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas and Dato Ong Eng Khuan at the saddling paddock



FUN-FILLED FESTIVITIES

Exciting competition and fun for all at National Horse Show in Penang

The National Horse Show (NHS) returned to Penang – after a lapse of five years – in grand style when Penang Turf Club hosted the 15th edition of the event from June 5-7, 2009.

A total of 125 riders representing 45 equine centres and riding clubs from all over Malaysia, Brunei and as far as Hong Kong took part in the three-day event, involving a total of 113 horses.

Among the teams which took part were KL City Hall, the Police, Prisons Department, Armed Forces Equestrian Centre, Royal Selangor Equestrian Academy, 3Q Equestrian, Aria, Country Heights Equestrian Quarters and STC Equestrian and Sports Centre.

Malaysia's best riders such as Qabil Ambak, Quzandria Nur Ambak and Diani Lee were in action at the Show.

Equestrian ace Qabil, bronze medalist in individual dressage at the Doha Asian Games in 2006 and four-gold winner at the Sea Games in Korat in Thailand a year later, was in his element when he achieved a 1-2 finish in the Penang Classic 130cm Show Jumping event with his two mounts.



Lim Guan Eng presses the button to release the confetti in declaring the Show open, flanked by John Alexander Rodgers (to his right) and Dato Ong Eng Khuan

Qabil's sister Quzandria was not to be outdone, winning the Queen's Cup 100cm Show Jumping event for women.

There were a number of foreign participants this year, including Hong Kong's Jennifer Chang who also took part in the last Asian Games.

This year's NHS also featured the first-of-its-kind Show Jumping Team Competition. The inter-state contest was for students of the Riding In Schools Programme (RISP) with teams from Penang, Kedah, Perak, Selangor, the Federal Territory, Johor, Pahang, Kelantan and Terengganu taking part.

Penangite Mohd Joshua Merican Noordin, a student at the St Xavier's Institution, did the home team proud by winning the individual competition. Joshua also won the Penang Classic Show Jumping for Junior and young riders.

The RISP, initiated by Majlis Ekuin Malaysia with the cooperation of the Ministry of Education in 2001, aims to expose as many teenagers as possible to equestrian sports, especially horse-riding.

Students are given lessons on horse-riding, horsemanship and horse care under the programme which also aim to help them develop sportsmanship, self-discipline and strength of character.

Lim Guan Eng speaking to Malaysia's equestrian ace Qabil Ambak



Organising Chairman John Alexander Rodgers presenting a memento to Lim Guan Eng



Qabil Ambak after receiving his trophy for winning the Penang Classic. With him are Show Director Johari Lee (left) and Penang Turf Club General Manager Leow Khin Ming

In conjunction with the NHS, 17 disabled children also took part in the Penang Riding for the Disabled Competition on June 3 which was organized by Penang Turf Club Equestrian Centre, Penang Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) and parents of the participating children.

The riding competition was the first ever for children aged 6 to 18 from the Penang and Kuala Lumpur RDAs.

Some of the children had Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism while others were slow learners or visually impaired. Accompanied by volunteers who walked the horses while they rode, they competed in three classes.

The NHS was officially opened by Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng on June 5.

In his welcoming address, Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan, who is also the Chairman of the Totalisator Board of Malaysia, said the aim of the NHS is to educate the public especially school children on the development of the equine industry and the equestrian sports.

One of the highlights of the 15th NHS was the 8th Asian Regional Farriery Competition for farriers. The judge for this competition was Peter Strafford, who is the chief farrier at the Victoria Racing Club in Melbourne, Australia.

An air of festivity prevailed throughout the three days as visitors were also treated to a host of fun-filled activities.

Stalls selling everything from clothing, equestrian gear, pottery, Japanese porcelain, and handicraft to chocolates lined the expo and bazaar areas.



Penang's Mohd Joshua Merican Noordin, winner of the Show Jumping Individual Competition for schools

SEE THE STARS

**Study tour of England and France to attend top races and stud farms:
a report by Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng**

One of the yearly affairs that is held at Ascot racecourse is the Ascot Festival. It is a three-day long affair and this year it was held from September 25-27, 2009. Ordinary Member Teoh Ming Khean, and I, together with fellow Committee Member Teoh Mei Shean attended the first day of the festival.

We lunched at the Horsewalk Restaurant, which was located at the Premier Enclosure. During the first day, we were able to watch four races, namely the *Jean Bryant Memorial Handicap*, the *Watership Down Stud Sales Race*, the *Princess Royal E.B.F. PricewaterhouseCoopers Stakes* and the *DJP International Handicap Stakes*.

That afternoon saw the running of a somewhat unique race – the *Watership Down Stud Sales Race*. It is a Class 2 event that is only open to 2-year-old fillies that were sold as yearlings at any of the official United Kingdom yearling sales. The race run over 1,300m was won by the W.J. Haggas trained *Shamandar (Exceed And Excel – Sensational Mover)* which was ridden by Michael Hills. *Shamandar* went to the finishing post a half-length ahead of *Dubawi Heights (Dubawi – Rosie's Posy)* with Lanfranco "Frankie" Dettori astride.

Before leaving Ascot, we toured the prestigious racecourse grounds such as the Parade Ring, the Pre-Parade Ring, the Premier Enclosure, the Grandstand, the VIP boxes and the public areas with its numerous tote counters, bars, cafes, restaurants and seating areas. The whole complex, which was closed for almost two years for a complete reconstruction, re-opened grandly in



(From left) Dato Ong Eng Khuan, John Alexander Rodgers, Teoh Mei Shean, Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng, Debi Phuah and Leow Khin Ming at the Longchamp racecourse

2006 with a new grandstand building complete with modern facilities encased in steel and glass.

After attending the first day of the three-day Ascot Festival on September 25, I returned for the final day of the Ascot Festival on September 27, which was designated as the Family Fun Day. As the name suggests, many race goers brought their families along for a day at the races.

I once again lunched at the Horsewalk Restaurant, after which I stayed on to catch the running of *The Grosvenor Casinos Cumberland Lodge Stakes*, *The John Guest Diadem Stakes*, *The Brightwells Ascot Sales Handicap Stakes* and *The SIS Live Fenwolf Stakes*.

The feature race for the final day of the Ascot Festival is the *John Guest Diadem Stakes*, which is a race for Group 2 horses over 6 furlongs (approximately 1,200m). The race featured a 14-strong field and was won by *Sayif (Khelefy – Seward's Folly)*. The PW Chapple-Hyam trained horse was ridden by Richard



Sea The Stars enroute to a historic victory in the 2009 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

Hills who led the horse to a two-and-a-half-length win ahead of *Tamagin (Stravinsky – Luia)*.

The next day I attended races at the Bath racecourse. The race day on the September 28 was just an ordinary race day with a total of only six races being run. No doubt racing in Bath is still an experience, it is not as prestigious as the Ascot races and this is reflected in the low stakesmoney offered for the Bath races. The highest stakesmoney on that day saw the winner taking home only a total of £3,885.60 in the *EBF/Thermolast Roofing Maiden Fillies' Stakes*. The race with only six starters was won by jockey TP

O'Shea on *Tanfidh* (*Marju – Wijdan*). The MP Tregoning trained filly is owned by Hamdan Al Maktoum of the illustrious Maktoum family, who are well known in the racing circuit.

After having attended the races in England, I and Teoh Mei Shean then joined a Penang Turf Club delegation in Paris to catch the running the 88th running of the Prix de l'Arc De Triomphe race live from Longchamp. Apart from myself and Ms Teoh the remaining members of the delegation consisted of the Club's President, Dato Ong Eng Khuan, Committee Member John Alexander Rodgers, Oon Jin Leong, Rudy Lee Beng Liang and Dr. Chong Keat Fong and their respective spouses. The delegation was accompanied by Ordinary Members Janet Tan Poe Tong, Ian Lim, Leong Chee Khong and Chew Teik San and their spouses as well as the Club's General Manager, Leow Khin Ming, and the Club's Racing Executive, Debi Phuah.

The main sponsor for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc De Triomphe for the second time running is the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) hence the décor on that race day had a Middle Eastern feel to it. Ladies clad in traditional Arabian garb greeted race goers as they walked through the gates and once inside, tents offering Arabian wares and various souvenirs for sale could be found scattered all around. The turnout on that day was astounding with an estimated 30,000

people converging at Longchamp racecourse.

The Arc (as it is more affectionately referred to by those of the racing fraternity) is undoubtedly the most prestigious horse race in Europe and with the sponsorship of the QREC it is now the third richest race in the world, trailing only behind the Dubai World Cup and the Japan Cup. The sponsorship of QREC has seen the prizemoney for the Arc doubled from €2 million to €4 million. There is a rumour that the prizemoney for next year will be increased once more.

The day at the races on October 4 started off with a 5-course lunch at one of the restaurants located inside the racecourse. The restaurant is situated right next to the parade ring, which afforded us an excellent view of the horses as they came out to parade before the start of their races. After a leisurely lunch which lasted through the first five races of the day, we proceeded to the grandstand just in time to watch the running of the Arc race which was scheduled for 4.15 pm. An interesting point to note would be that on that race day some races were run that only catered for fillies and another one that catered solely for Arabian bred thoroughbreds.

The Arc race, ran over 2,400m had a field of 19 runners coming from as far as England, Ireland, Germany, the Czech Republic and even Brazil. The race was brilliantly run with *Set Sail*

(*Danehill Dancer – Abdaab*) and *Grand Ducal* (*Danehill Dancer – Mood Swings*) initially leading the race. *Sea The Stars* (*Cape Cross - Urban Sea*) was boxed in for much of the race but he showed his true mettle when he broke free in the final 200m to win the race by two lengths, making this his sixth consecutive Group 1 wins this season. This race must have been especially meaningful to the owner Christopher Tsui as his family also owns the dam of this magnificent colt, *Urban Sea* (*Miswaki – Allegretta*) – which was also an Arc champion, having won the race in 1993.

Sea The Stars was once again partnered with jockey Mick Kinane, who was also the jockey to have ridden the colt in all of its nine previous appearances. The John Oxx-trained colt has set turf history by being the first horse to have won the 2,000 Guineas, the Epsom Derby and the Arc race. The colt also wins on the Coral Eclipse Stakes in Sandown Park, the Juddmonte International Stakes at York, the Tattersalls Millions and the Irish Championship Stakes bringing his total winnings in a single season to £4.3 million. In an equine Olympics, *Sea the Stars* would have won every race from 200m to 5000m. *Youmzain* (*Sinndar – Sadima*), trained by Mick Channon and ridden by Kieren Fallon came in 2nd with the Andre Fabre-trained *Cavalryman* (*Halling – Silversword*) ridden by Frankie Dettori in 3rd place.



The Penang Turf Club group at the Haras du Quesnay in Deauville, France



After the Arc race, the group stayed back for two more races before making their way back to the hotel. All in all, the day at the races was a very enjoyable one for the group, having witnessed first hand turf history in the making.

A day prior to the Arc race, the group also attended the Arc Sale, which is a Horses in Training Sale, held at St. Cloud racecourse. The sale is conducted by Arqana, an European auction house with Aga Khan IV as the company's majority shareholder. It is a relatively small sale featuring only 65 lots in total. *Allybar*, a chestnut colt by *King's Best* (*Kingmambo* – *Allegretta*) out of *Irika* (*Irish River* – *Princesses Kathy*) topped the sale at the price of €370,000. The colt was put up for sale by the Wertheimer brothers, who are also the owners of the couture House of Chanel.

It is a small world indeed. While at the Arc Sale I was introduced to Georges Rimaud, manager of one of the Aga Khan's stud farms, who so happen to be the son-in-law of Dr. James Marsh, the one-time veterinary surgeon at the Club.

On October 5, Dato Ong Eng Khuan and Teoh Mei Shean attended the 43rd International Federation of Horseracing Authorities Conference held at the France Galop headquarters. The conference is held yearly and coincides with the running of the Arc race. It brings together the racing authorities from all over the

world to attend talks and discussions regarding issues that are currently being faced by the racing world.

The remainder of the group was invited to visit the Haras du Quesnay, often touted as France's most prestigious stud farm, located just outside of Deauville. This visit was arranged by Jean Chevigny who has long been a friend of mine as well as of the Club. The farm is spread over an impressive 741 acres and was originally owned by William Kissam Vanderbilt. However, during the German occupation of France during World War II, the property was left abandoned and shortly thereafter in 1958 it was acquired by trainer-breeder, Alec Head.

Currently a total of six stallions stands at the farm, namely *Bering* (*Artic Tern* – *Beaune*), *Gold Away* (*Goldeneye* – *Blushing Away*), *Highest Honor* (*Kenmare* – *High River*), *Kentucky Dynamite* (*Kingmambo* – *Chelsey Flower*), *Numerous* (*Mr. Prospector* – *Number*) and *Panis* (*Miswaki* – *Political Parody*). However, the farm started off the year with seven stallions but unfortunately *Anabaa* (*Danzig* – *Balbonella*) recently passed away in July, 2009 after undergoing colic surgery.

At the farm several stallions were paraded before us including *Bering* (*Artic Tern* – *Beaune*), a stallion that is owned by the stud farm itself and formerly trained by the daughter of Alec Head, Christianne Head.



A statue of the great racehorse Mill Reef at the National Stud Farm

Another stallion that was paraded before us was *Gold Away* (*Goldeneye* – *Blushing Away*), which is owned by the Wertheimer brothers. This stallion was also trained by Ms. Christianne Head.

After the parading of the stallions, the group was taken on a tour of the farm. After the leisurely stroll the group departed for Deauville for lunch where the ever-enterprising Chevigny had arranged a refreshing seafood lunch for the group.

The next day the group departed for England to attend the Newmarket yearling sales at Tattersalls. Book 1 of the October Yearling Sales was stretched over a period of three days from October 6 to 8.

After arriving into Newmarket and a light lunch, we proceeded to visit the National Horseracing Museum. The Museum is filled with history and various paraphernalia donated or loaned to the Museum for display. Some of the items on display were an Ascot Gold Cup, the Royal silks, the head of *Persimmon* (who won the 1896 Derby and St. Leger for his owner HRH Prince of Wales) and the skeleton of *Hyperion* (known in horse racing history as the smallest horse to ever win major classic races and a phenomenal stallion that sired many winners). There was also a section in the Museum dedicated to



Stallions being paraded before the Penang group at the Haras du Quesnay in France

the great jockeys such as Lester Piggott, Frankie Dettori and Frankie Archer.

For those who wish to get a feel of what it is like to be a jockey, the Museum had a mechanical horse with an instructor on hand to teach the visitors on how to ride a racehorse. Rudy Lee, Dr. Chong, Janet Tan and Leow, all clad in silks of various colours, gave the mechanical horse a try. They were even given a riding whip to complete the outfit!!! All in all the visit to the Museum was a productive one, having learnt many new facts about the history of horseracing.

After checking into Swynford



The sale ring at Tattersalls just before the start of proceedings

Paddocks, a hotel dedicated to the late *Brigadier Gerard (Queens' Hussar – La Paiva)* and a short rest, the group then proceeded to Tattersalls in the evening. For many in the group this is the first time having been to a sale at Tattersalls. Throughout the three days of Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, a total of 474 lots were sold. A bay colt by *Oasis Dream (Green Desert – Hope)* out of *Maganda (Sadler's Wells – Minnie Habit)* topped the sale at 700,000 guineas (equivalent to approximately £750,000). The winning bid was made by John Magnier for Coolmore Stud.

The sale continued well into the late evening and the group stayed on in Tattersalls to have dinner at the Chimneys restaurant located ringside of the parading ring. Former jockey

Taffy Thomas (who used to ride for me in Malaysia) and his family, Richard O'Gorman and family, Nina Curtis and James Power and wife Jean – all long time friends and visitors to the Club – joined the group for dinner.

The next day, the group attended the morning session of the second day of the sales and then proceeded to the National Stud Farm (NSF) for a tour. The NSF was established in 1916 by the British Government and its original purpose was for breeding high quality light horses for the Army. However, now with the increasing mechanization of the Army this purpose has lost its relevance and ever since the two World Wars, the

Dream, Dansili (Danehill – Hasili) and *Rail Link (Dansili – Docklands)*. During the tour the group was privileged enough to get up close and personal with some of the stallions such as *Oasis Dream* and *Dansili*. We were also given a tour of the 'mating room' (the name alone should be self explanatory).

Bright and early the next morning, before departing Newmarket, the bus driver of our group, a Mr. Bob, suggested taking a detour for the group to visit the Training Grounds at Newmarket Heath. The Heath (as it is more popularly referred to by the locals) has been the center for racehorse training for over 350 years.



James Power (with hat) showing the visitors around Juddmonte Stud

NSF is now being used to breed Thoroughbreds. In 2008, the ownership of the NSF was transferred to The Jockey Club.

The NSF with acreage of over 500 acres currently has five stallions standing there – *Bahamian Bounty (Cadeaux Genereux – Clarentia)*, *Cockney Rebel (Val Royal – Vactice)*, *Myboycharlie (Danetime – Dulceata)*, *Pastoral Pursuits (Bahamian Bounty – Star)* and *Phoenix Reach (Alhaarth – Carroll's Canyon)*.

After a tour of the NSF, James Power was kind enough to arrange a private tour of the Newmarket branch of Juddmonte Farms, owned by His Highness Prince Khalid Abdullah. The farm comprises 373 acres of land and some of the stallions housed there at the moment are *Oasis*

Horses from stables located all around Newmarket will all converge on the Heath for their early morning training. The training grounds comprise 2,500 acres and provide both artificial and turf surfaces for the horses to train on.

After a visit to the Heath, on the way out of Newmarket the group stopped by the Rowley Mile racecourse, which is the autumn racecourse of Newmarket, for an extensive tour of the outer part of the grounds. This was more than sufficient for the group to witness the splendour of the Millenium Grandstand, which was newly erected in the year 2000.

The group bid adieu to Newmarket after the tour of the Rowley Mile racecourse, which was indeed an appropriate ending to the group's trip to Newmarket, the Home of Racing.

TRACK CLOSURE

No on-course racing in Penang for nine months as track undergoes RM8m upgrade

Horse racing will come to a standstill at the Penang Turf Club (PNTC) for nine months beginning July 5.

The closure of the Batu Gantong main turf track is to facilitate the PNTC's RM8 million track upgrading project, which includes the upgrading of the sub-soil drainage, and improvement of the track profile to be on par with other leading racing centres.

However, the club will continue to be opened for off-course racing and screening of the live Singapore, Selangor and Perak races for racegoers to place their bets.

"We are embarking on this project with extra care to ensure the new surface suit the racing environment at its best. As a cost-saving exercise, the Club has also built a temporary nursery to grow the grass which will be used for the new turf," said Club General Manager & Secretary Leow Khin Ming.

Leow said the track would be dug up in phases to prepare the ground with special features such as drainage pipes and *Axonopus Compressus* (cowgrass), which can grow in sandy substrates.

During the closure, all the races scheduled to be held in Penang this



Leow Khin Ming

year will be moved to either Perak or Selangor turf clubs.

Among the big races that will be affected by the project are the RM1 million Yang Di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup and RM1 million Malaysian Magic Millions Classic. Both races will be held in Kuala Lumpur in December.

The main turf track at the 71-year-old racecourse has deteriorated over the years due to relentless racing compaction and constant downpour. The deteriorated track had also caused some major races to be cancelled due to waterlogged track conditions.

This had caused PNTC to suffer losses and embarrassment.

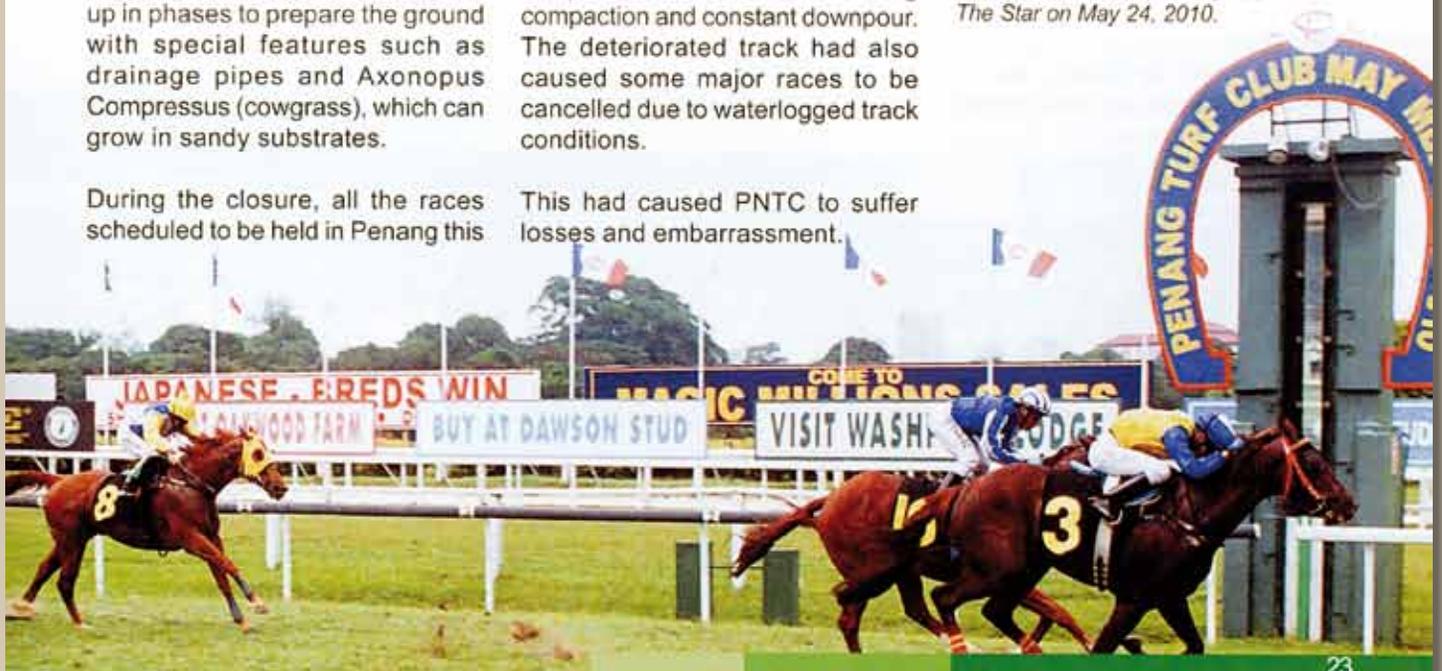
With the remedial works, PNTC hopes that the cancellation of races due to inclement weather will be a thing of the past when racing resumes at the course in 2011.

The RM1 million Astro Wah Lai Toi Sprint Trophy on July 4 will be the last grand race prior to the closure of the main track.

The race, which will be run over the 1,400m, is open to Singapore-based horses and the PNTC has offered a bonus of RM300,000 if there are six or more runners from Singapore.

The most successful trainer in the Sprint Trophy series is Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng (now a senior committee member of PNTC) with five victories via *Ten Hugs* (1982), *Teetoy* (1986), *Batman* (1989, 1991) and *Beta Ray Bill* (1993) while *Fischer* is the most successful horse with victories in 1995, 1996 and 1998. (See *Sprint Trophy* preview on Page 30)

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SHOOTING FOR GOLD

Penang Equestrian Association aims for repeat Sukma honour with P.E.A. Rocket



Lydia Ong (second from left) presenting a mock cheque to John Alexander Rodgers



Dato Ong Eng Khuan signing the MOU on behalf of Penang Turf Club

The Penang Equestrian Association (PEA) has acquired an Australian bred horse, named *P.E.A. Rocket*, to help boost Penang's medal tally in the equestrian event at the 13th Malaysia Games (Sukma) to be held in Malacca in June.

The acquisition of the nine-year-old thoroughbred will also boost Penang's participation in many other competitions in the future.

The purchase was made possible with an incentive grant of RM100,000 given by Penang Sports Council for a competition horse and riding equipment after taking into account the Penang equestrian team's previous Sukma performance.

Two years ago, the team netted the show-jumping's individual and team gold medals at the 2008 Sukma Games in Terengganu.

P.E.A. Rocket and four other horses owned by Penang Turf Club Equestrian Centre will take part in the show-jumping and dressage competitions.

Rider Syed Kamil Nafis Syed Yusof won the individual show-jumping gold

medal and teamed up with Edric Lee Chin Hon, Shoorenderen Nageswaran and Mohd Anwar Mohd Harris to win the show-jumping team event at Sukma Terengganu.

Mohd Joshua Noordin replaces Mohd Anwar in the four-man team to represent Penang at the Sukma Games in Malacca.

P.E.A. Rocket was officially handed over to Penang Equestrian Association at the Penang Turf Club Equestrian Centre on March 28, 2010.

Among the many guests present

were Penang Youth and Sports, Women, Family and Community Development Committee Chairman Lydia Ong, Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan and Penang Equestrian Association President John Alexander Rodgers.

Rodgers said the association is most grateful and honoured with the Penang Sports Council's grant "which confirmed your commitment and support for Equine Sports in Penang."

The Penang Equestrian Association was formed in 2007 with the objective of promoting equestrian sports and ensuring that it flourishes in Penang.



A Sukma-bound participant giving a showjumping demonstration



Lydia Ong presenting a prize to a recent competition winner



John Alexander Rodgers presenting a memento to Lydia Ong

"Three years down the road, it has encountered every success in doing so.

We will strive to see that Penang continues to achieve excellence in equestrian sports," said Rodgers, who is also a committee member of the Penang Turf Club.

Ong said in her speech that the Penang equestrian team aims to bring back two gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the Sukma Games in Malacca.

"We hope that the RM100,000 invested by the State Sports Council in horse and riding equipment will help us realise the target.

"I would like to thank the Penang Equestrian Association for their assistance in acquiring P.E.A. Rocket and also to Penang Turf Club Equestrian Centre for providing livery



Lydia Ong on a tour of the Penang Turf Club Equestrian Centre

and training facilities and lending horses for our riders to practise under the capable hands of experienced coach and trainer, Johari Lee," she said.

Ong said more sports disciplines would be offered at the Sukma

Games in Malacca compared to those in Terengganu and this would mean more chances for Penang to win medals.

Penang finished in 8th placing after clinching 27 gold medals in Terengganu two years ago.



Participants and guests pose for a photo after the demonstration

TRACK REOPENS

Racing resumes at Batu Gantong and new racetrack wins high praises



Dato Ong Eng Khuan (third from right) and fellow Committee Members of Penang Turf Club at the official reopening ceremony (above); Cizen Bank winning the first race on the 'new' track at Batu Gantong (below)

With confetti flying in the air, the sounds of 24 drums and followed no less by a lion dance, the main track of the Penang Turf Club was declared reopened in a simple and symbolic ceremony on March 20, 2011.

Watched by fellow Committee Members, Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan pushed a button to release confetti into the air.

Racegoers were then treated to an energetic display by the 24-seasons drum troupe from SJK Wen Khai (Batu Maung) and the lion dance performance on high stilts kept them on the edge of their seats.

The main track of the 71-year-old racecourse was closed for nine months for repairs and upgrading of the drainage system.

Besides a refurbished sprinkler system, the track also has top quality France-manufactured 'Fornells' railing installed on both sides to provide better safety for both jockeys and horses.

To mark the return of racing at Batu Gantong, racegoers were rewarded with free entrance to the Club on March 19. The following day, racegoers to the public area (RM6)

received a RM5 betting coupon while those who paid RM20 to the air-conditioned Tote Hall were given three betting coupons of RM5 each.

The 'new' track has won high praises from all quarters.

"I'm quite impressed. It's very even and looks everything like a good track should be. I think this new track should make exciting finishes a regular feature at Batu Gantong," said Singapore Turf Club Senior Vice President (Racing) Soong Tze Ming.

"The gradual upward inclination is very smooth while the downward ride in the final bend towards the finish line is also very gradual," said seven-time champion Azhar Ismail.

"I really like this track very much. It's quite smooth even when it's wet. This kind of track makes racing very competitive" was the comment from Benny Woodworth, the 2009 champion jockey who had the honour of riding the first winner (*Cizen*





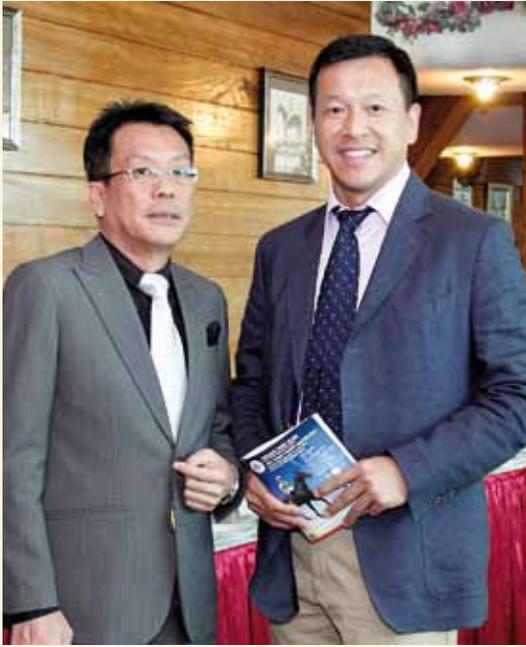

Hello There!
 Some of the distinguished guests
 and visitors at the
 Penang Turf Club
 recently





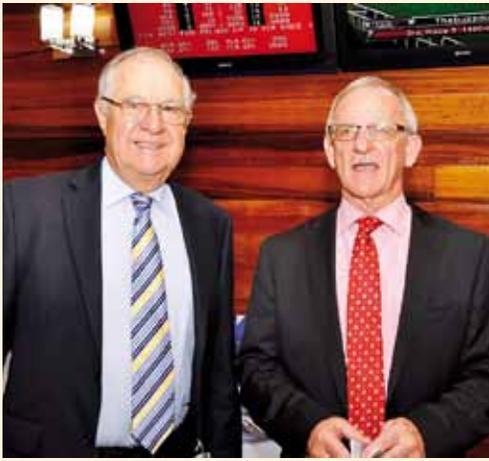












Congratulations to all the Winners



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

Photos courtesy of Yee Khai Seng/Amy Loh



THE STAR IS HERE

Cinema VI Handicap
Maiden – 1100m
Date : 27.4.2013
Owner : Lee Peng Cheong
Trainer : C Robert
Jockey : R Jasmin



GLORY STAR

Honey Dear Handicap
Class 5 – 1100m
Date : 27.4.2013
Owner : Benvin Stable
Trainer : R Lines
Jockey : S Zulfikri



DAVID DYNASTY

Catterick Handicap
Class 5 – 1400m
Date : 28.4.2013
Owner : Kevin Coetzee
Trainer : K Coetzee
Jockey : J Shankar



*THREE
THOUGHTS*

Sunny Heart Handicap
Class 5 – 1100m
Date : 28.4.2013
Owner : J & J Stable
Trainer : SH Tan
Jockey : HK Cheng



*TRIPLE
COIN*

Kerakah Handicap
Class 5 – 1300m
Date : 6.7.2013
Owner : Venture Stable
Trainer : B Ng
Jockey : S Salee



DR INDY

Lucius Quintus Handicap
Class 3 – 1600m
Date : 28.4.2013
Owner : Marco Stable
Trainer : S Edwards
Jockey : D Badel



MR MAGIC

The Train Handicap
Class 5 – 1700m
Date : 6.7.2013
Owner : Leo Eighty Two Stable
Trainer : P Lee
Jockey : WK Yan



*BLACK
SEQUALO*

Angelina Stakes
Restricted Maiden – 1300m
Date : 4.5.2013
Owner : J & J Stable
Trainer : SH Tan
Jockey : SL Lam



**GOOD
CODE**

Oakwood Farm Trophy
Class 5 – 1400m
Date : 13.7.2013
Owner : Ghost Stable
Trainer : J Tan
Jockey : I Azhar



**COLOURLAND
KID**

Royal Turf Club of Thailand Trophy
Class 5 – 1400m
Date : 13.7.2013
Owner : Colourland Stable
Trainer : D Miller
Jockey : I Azhar



**GHOST
STREET**

Malaysia 2013 3YO Championship
Penang Turf Club – Heat 2
Date : 13.7.2013
Owner : Ghost Stable
Trainer : J Tan
Jockey : J De Souza



**RAFFLES
KNIGHT**

New Zealand Bloodstock Trophy
Class 4 – 2000m
Date : 13.7.2013
Owner : Raffles Racing Stable
Trainer : F Maynard
Jockey : M Ganeesh



*MONEY
MACHINE*

Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy
Open (Set Weights) – 1700m
Date : 14.7.2013
Owner : Money Machine Stable
Trainer : S Edwards
Jockey : M Wepner



*GOOD
FLYING*

Never Regret II Handicap
Class 3 – 1200m
Date : 11.8.2013
Owner : Golden Knight Stable
Trainer : K Coetzee
Jockey : WK Yan



*CIZEN
PURE*

Onassis Handicap
Class 5 – 1300m
Date : 10.8.2013
Owner : Paint Emperor Stable
Trainer : SH Tan
Jockey : F Yusoff



*LEE
DANCER*

Delamare Handicap
Class 5 – 1400m
Owner : Lee Stable
Trainer : PK Leong
Jockey : S Salee



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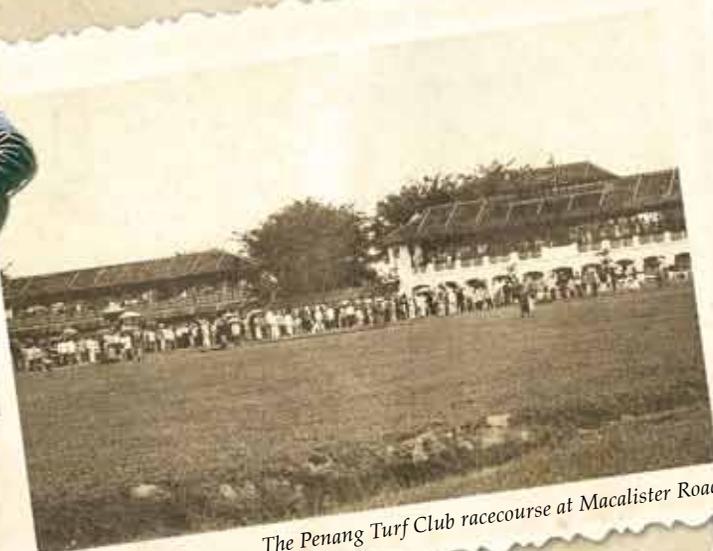
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Maiden – 1300m
Date : 11.8.2013
Owner : MG Stable
Trainer : D Miller
Jockey : I Azhar

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.

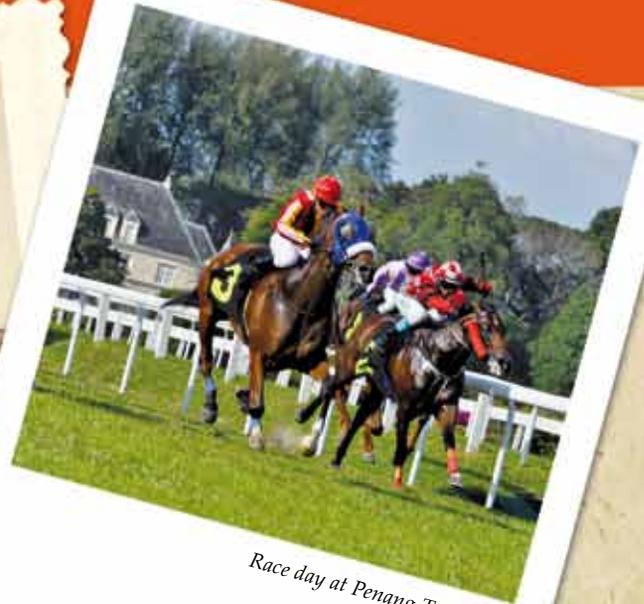
1945 September — British forces land in Penang and Singapore.

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 27th 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.



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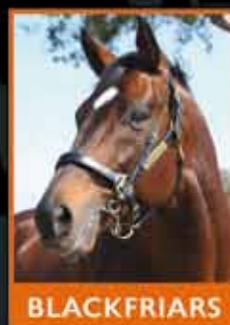


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GROUP 1 WINNERS BORN, BRED
AND RAISED AT SCENIC LODGE

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BLACKFRIARS

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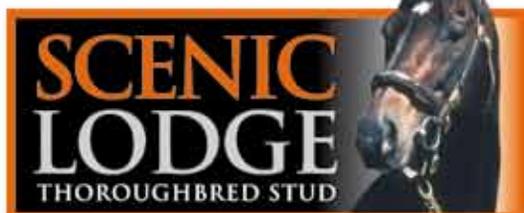
BLACKFRIARS



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BREEDER OF THE YEAR

2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013

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- Complimentary race books

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- 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



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

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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 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.

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.





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

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Weekdays

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

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- 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**,
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PNTCEC & PEA Registration Fees

PNTC Equestrian Club (PNTCEC) Registration*

	Adult	Child (Below 18 years of age)
PNTCEC Registration (one-off)	RM106.00	RM 53.00
PNTCEC Annual Fee	RM 53.00	RM 53.00
Total	RM159.00	RM106.00

Penang Equestrian Association (PEA) Membership*

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.

	Adult	Child (Below 18 years of age)
PEA Registration (one-off)	RM100.00	RM 30.00
PEA Annual Fee	RM100.00	RM 30.00
Total	RM200.00	RM 60.00

*Payment of both annual fees must be made by 1st February 2013.



RIDING PACKAGES – WEF 1ST 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).



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.

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.

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- Dining hall which fits a minimum of eight persons
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- Outdoor BBQ
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- Table tennis
- Various board games and playing cards



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2 Nights Weekend Package	RM400	Friday	Sunday
		Saturday	Monday
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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

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