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# President's Message

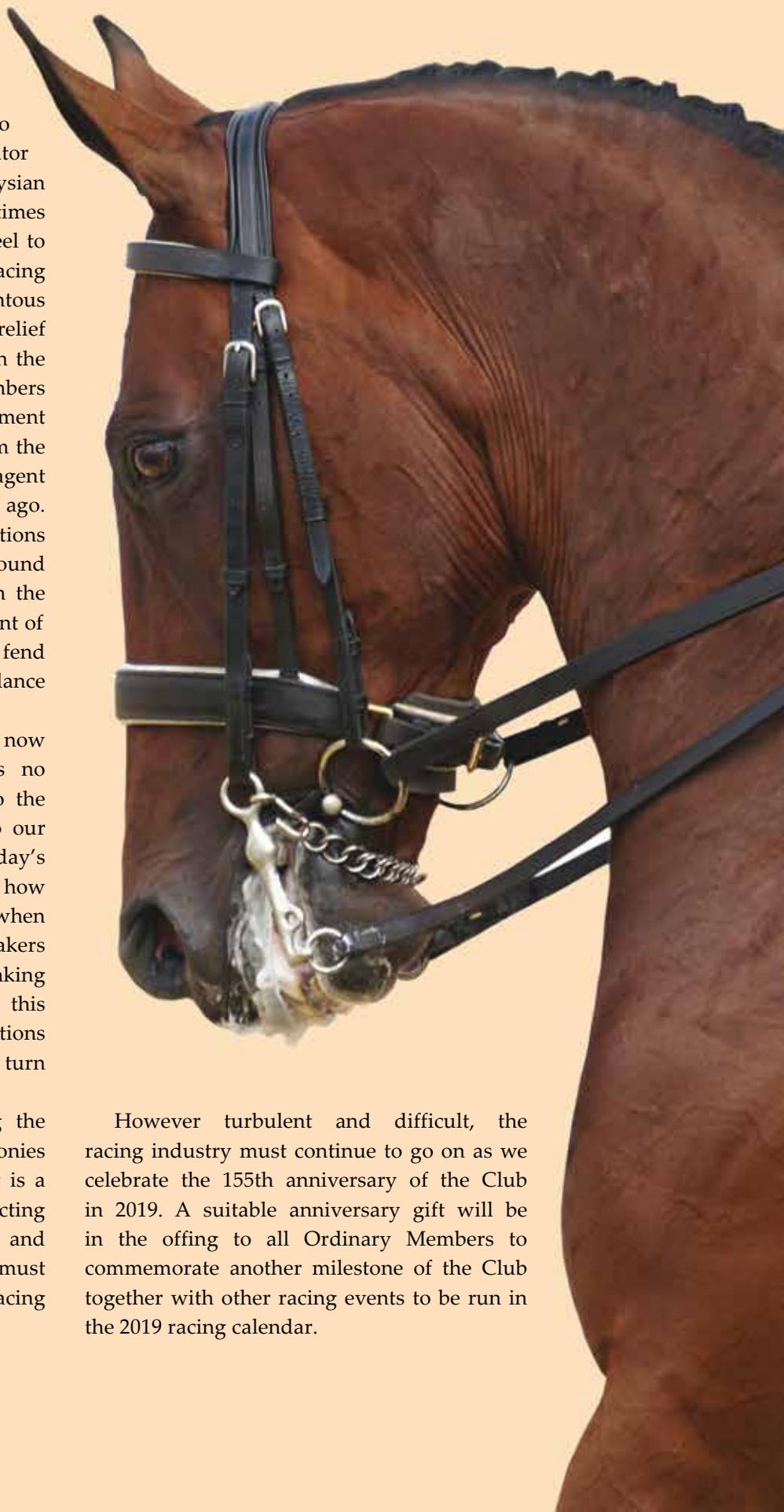
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The racing industry today is a pale shadow of what it was some twenty years ago when turnover on the totalisator was over a billion. The Malaysian Turf Clubs have indeed fallen on hard times as they struggle to remain on an even keel to stay afloat by staging the minimum 72 racing days per calendar year. Despite momentous changes in our country there is still no relief or reprieve in sight for the Turf Clubs. In the past the Clubs had the benefit of the Numbers Forecast Operation and lottery to supplement their income but these were divested from the Clubs when racing was privatized to the agent of the Totalisator Board some thirty years ago. The Clubs are now left with racing operations and self regulate as best they can to turn around the industry without any subsidies from the authorities. Hence, the present predicament of the racing industry as the Clubs have to fend for themselves with a dwindling attendance and turnover.

Businesses the world over are now conducted online and horse racing is no exception. We must be able to tap into the multimedia and be readily accessible to our customers if we are to survive in today's borderless world. We cannot emphasize how essential this form of betting is especially when we have to compete with the illegal bookmakers who have gone online after the same shrinking gaming dollar. We must somehow get this lifeline from the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia, Malaysia for us to turn around.

The standard and quality of racing the world over is determined by the stakesmonies on offer at the races. Hong Kong racing is a good example with their high stakes attracting the top thoroughbreds, huge crowds and astronomical turnover. On our part, we must keep this in mind to have better stakes if racing is to have any meaningful future.

However turbulent and difficult, the racing industry must continue to go on as we celebrate the 155th anniversary of the Club in 2019. A suitable anniversary gift will be in the offing to all Ordinary Members to commemorate another milestone of the Club together with other racing events to be run in the 2019 racing calendar.



# SPRINT TROPHY MEETING DINNER





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# Asian Racing Conference SEOUL 2018

# Opening Ceremony



## INNOVATE, COLLABORATE, TRANSFORM

37th Asian Racing Conference successfully held in Seoul, South Korea



*Penang Turf Club delegation at the Conference*

The Penang Turf Club participated in the 37th Asian Racing Conference (ARC) in Seoul, South Korea, from May 13th to 15th.

The Penang Turf Club saw a delegation comprising the President, Dato' Ong Eng Khuan, Committee Members, Dato' Saw Lip Khai, Mr. Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah, Ms. Teoh Mei Shean and General Manager & Secretary, Mr. Leow Khin Ming, who attended seminars and plenary sessions at the conference. The President, Dato' Ong Eng Khuan was the Chief Delegate, representing the Malayan Racing Association (Malaysia) in the said conference.

To the delight of the conference delegates and to mark the opening of the Conference, the Korean Derby and ARF Commemorative Race were held at the Seoul Racecourse.

Befitting to the tradition of the ARC in the racing fraternity around the world, conference attendees were warmly welcomed at the official opening ceremony and a welcome dinner of the 37th Asian Racing Conference which was held at the Auditorium and the Grand Ballroom @ COEX, Seoul.

The chief delegates of participating countries were then led to their seats on stage, accompanied by their national flags to the accompaniment of the colourful and traditional



Korean drum and dance troupe. The CEO and Chairman of the Korea Racing Authority, Mr. Kim Nag Soon welcomed the delegates and invited guests to Korea and delivered the opening speech.

He said, "Our aim for the near future is for Korea to be elevated to Part I of the Blue Book and the promotion and the production of Group 1 horses. This conference is a true celebration Asian racing. Korean racing will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2022 and we are committed to becoming one of the best racing authorities in the world. I am looking forward to intriguing discussion in the upcoming sessions of this Asian Racing Conference."

The Asian Racing Federation (ARF) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges welcomed the attending delegates and guests of the conference on behalf of the ARF.



*Penang Turf Club delegates at the Opening Ceremony of the 37th Asian Racing Conference (left to right): Dato' Saw Lip Khai; Datin Saw, Ms Teoh Mei Shean and Mr Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah*

He then commended Korea on the incredible progress made since hosting the conference 13 years ago and highlighted the substantial achievements with the Asian Racing Federation since the 36th ARC in Mumbai, in particular, in areas concerning anti-doping and anti-illegal betting. Apart from the establishment of a formal IFHA Reference Laboratory programme, following the ARF's policy position on anabolic steroids where it was adopted by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA in 2017), further achievements would also include the establishment of the ARF's Anti-Illegal Betting Taskforce and the major progress made in overcoming barriers to horse exports.

Mr. Engelbrecht-Bresges also went on to share that in "our dynamic industry, which spans many sectors of the global economy, faces a series of modern challenges and ever growing threats from agile competition. In order for racing to be moving ever forward, we must innovate, we must collaborate, and we must transform. Over the next three days, we will discuss the strategies and opportunities being pursued by the wagering industry, how to better reach and expand the fan base, and how racing is addressing a series of threats to the integrity of the sport, apart from gene-doping to illegal betting.

The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of South Korea, Mr. Park Joo Sun and the Vice Minister of Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Mr. Kim Hyun Soon then extended welcoming remarks to the conference delegates comprising more than 40 racing jurisdictions.

The conference delegates and guests were feted to a sumptuous gala dinner, intertwined with a celebration of Korea's colourful culture through music and beautifully choreographed dance.

In the opening of the first plenary session, Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation and Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, outlined the week's agenda and reaffirmed much of the focus would be on racing's need to engage with the modern consumer.

He said, "To set the stage, over the next three days we will hear from 50 accomplished speakers and industrial experts across 12 individual plenary sessions covering a variety of issues. He then went on to introduce the founder of The Demographics Group (Australia) and expert on social, consumer, generational and demographic trends world-wide, Mr Bernard Salt who informed the



*The traditional Korean drum and dance troupe performance*

conference of the global trends which underpin the rise of consumer spending in Asia and around the globe, outlining the demographic trends which could stimulate horse racing in growth market.



*PNTC President Dato' Ong Eng Khuan (third from left) who was the Chief Delegate for MRA (M) representing the three Malaysian Turf Clubs at the Opening Ceremony*

The nub of Mr. Salt's presentation was that rising prosperity, new individual freedoms and corporate success is driving demand for leisure and sporting activities across the emerging and established markets of Asia and beyond. He went on to argue that a new generation of millennials are motivated to showcase their professional success via activities including horse racing and that, at the other end of the spectrum, increased average life expectancy has baby boomers altering their spending patterns. Mr. Salt also noted that China, Japan, India, Australia and the host nation, South Korea are projected to be in the world's top 12 nations based on GDP by 2028 and economic growth and maturity drives consumer spending. The key factor for horse racing, according to Mr. Salt, is that Asia's growing middle class will demand leisure and entertainment products which promotes self-esteem, and cited a recent study demonstrating that luxury spending in on the rise in Asia.

"Rising prosperity delivers more leisure time and discretionary spending with an emphasis on products which are 'taggable' via social media and the new generation of millennials demand 24/7 screen engagement with tailored products that enhance their brand and self-esteem."

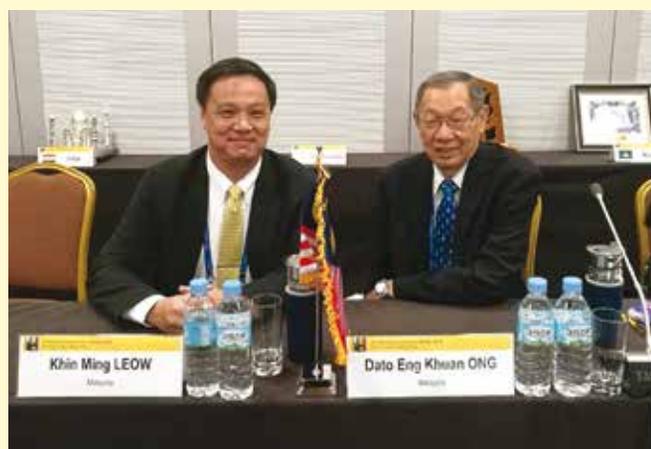
Mr. Engelbrecht-Bresges also called for the creation of a global brand for racing and examination of the challenges and opportunities associated therewith at the Seoul conference. "What is the global brand of racing and how we can ensure that brand is well received across an ever changing world wide market place." He elaborated that horse racing must

create a brand identifiable with "world class racing sport and entertainment," and with a relentless global focus.

"A global brand is necessary in the fast changing sport and gaming landscape. Our brand is dominated by gambling and we have to change that perception, we need to position racing in a way which will enable its customers and for potential customers to recognise the aspects of the sport that will appeal to them. By doing this, racing will be able to expand its fan base across demographic groups.....first, before any push for a global racing brand, we need commitment from all stakeholders on integrity, anti-doping and horse welfare. If we do not have these fundamentals in order, we will have no chance. We have too many people who try to bend the rules. It needs strong commitment to medication-free racing from everybody in the sport, it's an absolute must. There is no room for ambiguity."

Dr Oonagh Chan, Senior Consultant, Media, Technology and Content Production at the Hong Kong Jockey Club shared her views on upcoming television trends and the application of new technologies in sports television coverage, for example, she said " for the modern fan, the experience needs to be immersive and immediate – any where, any time, any platform, any device. Most people have two or three devices and they want their contents available on the devices."

Mr. David Attenborough, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tabcorp, outlined how the firm has repositioned its wagering business to capitalise on the opportunities presented by evolving fixed odds, digital and sports betting growth at the expense of traditional drivers; retail and pari-mutuel betting. "The market place is changing and we have to adapt. "We've found that digital betting growth has offset any downturn in retail sales and similarly, fixed odds betting has offset a decline in pari-mutuel betting." he said.



*PNTC General Manager & Secretary of Penang Turf Club, who was also the Chief Delegate Secretary to the Conference together with Dato' Ong Eng Khuan at the Chief Delegates' meeting*



Mr. Brant Dunshea, Chief Regulatory officer at the British Horse Racing Authority (BHA) then outlined the British racing's wagering strategy during one of the sessions and opined that the key change is a switch from retail to digital betting along with public and government attitudes to gambling in the United Kingdom. He shared that the 2018 Gambling Review in Britain had focussed on many areas including player protection, problem gambling and money laundering with a current focus on retail outlets and a push for gaming machines in betting shops to be heavily restricted.

Mr. Kim Nag Soon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Korea Racing Authority, set the tone for the sixth plenary session with this following remarks, "In our industry, nothing is more important than integrity. If we are to earn and retain the trust of the public, then our sport must not only be clean and fair, but also must be seen to be clean and fair. It is what sets us apart from illegal gambling operators. Going forward we need to strengthen education of all participants and work across borders with partners, sharing information and intelligence to combat our common foe and uphold the trust in our racing product."

Professor Jack Anderson who is the Director of Sports Law Studies at University of Melbourne, said "Insider information is the key integrity threat. It can manipulate betting markets, putting the integrity of the sport, and the brand, at stake..." He went on to elaborate that there no such thing as a victimless crime when it comes to corruption. "Corruption and lack of integrity has a price tag, it costs the sport. A fix in a race or at the bookies affects every consumer on a micro level, and on a macro level, it leads to transnational economic crime. For a criminal syndicates, this is a beautiful outcome.....nothing corrodes quicker than the whiff of corruption and therefore, integrity needs to be your number one priority."

The Honourable Justice Jack Forrest of the Supreme Court of Victoria (Australia) had this to add, "The prosperity of international racing relies on its gambling revenue, and if it is not on a level playing field, betting and reputational damage affects all stakeholders. Stewards need to operate effectively and be seen to be doing so."

In the field of gene doping, Dr Makoto Inoue, Presidential Counselor for International Affairs at the Japan Racing Association (JRA) and Vice Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) in his welcoming address in the session, said "Gene doping was raised for the first time two years ago at the Asian Racing Conference in Mumbai. The threat of gene doping is not very well understood by the industry and hence this session is of vital importance."

"Gene doping is just not a trend of the times" said Dr. Kanichi Kusano, JRA Official Veterinarian and Chair of the ARF Drug Control Committee, as well as the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities Gene Doping Control Sub-Committee, continued "In effect it is the misuse of drugs, in this instance the misuse of DNA. It just means that we need new experts and new instruments in order to deal with gene

doping.....the risk of gene doping from these two forms are firstly damage to the integrity of the sport and secondly, the risk of creating a genetically modified thoroughbred. Hence, the IFHA formed the Gene Doping Sub-Committee in March 2016." He concluded with a message for racing regulators.... "Strengthen your rules of racing and improve your testing system for gene doping. Check that the laboratories in your jurisdiction have the appropriate experts and equipment. Provide financial support for research and educate the veterinarians, trainers and stable staff on gene doping."

Mr. Douglas Robinson, the HKJC's Senior Manager, Due Diligence and Research, Security and Integrity, shared "Illegal betting is increasing large and growing rapidly in Asia. It threatens the integrity of sports and facilitates money laundering...it causes gambling disorders and other associated social issues. It generates volume which eclipses legal operators. Solving the problem requires the co-operation of multiple jurisdictions, stakeholders and governments and greater co-operation with law enforcement agencies" and further said that an estimated \$140 billion is laundered via illegal betting markets each year.

Over the next two days, many distinguished speakers and personalities from various horse racing jurisdictions and authorities around the world, took to the stage and presented papers on current developments on various subject matters ranging from methods to reach and expand horse racing fan base, gender diversity, up-to-date broadcasting technology trends, live sports tv, enhancing ladies' presence in racecourses, current strategies and opportunities on global wagering to surface preparation and technological innovations in enhancing equine welfare and performance, call for highest standards of integrity, commitment to eradicate the use of race day medications and doping, global wagering strategies and opportunities and the commitment to high standards in overall jockey and horse welfare.

As the final curtains came down on the 37th Asian Racing Conference, it was announced that South Africa will play host to the 38th Asian Racing Conference in the year 2020. Mr. Ken Truter, Chairman of the National Horse Racing Authority was on hand to accept the ARF flag from Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, ARF Chairman and said that, "As Chairman, it is a great privilege for the NHA to accept South Africa as the Asian Racing Conference destination for 2020."

The conference delegates were treated to a sumptuous dinner in the Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner at the Grand Ballroom @ Grand InterContinental Seoul Parnas.

**[This article was reported by Mr. Leow Khin Ming, General Manager and Secretary of Penang Turf Club, who was also the Chief Delegate Secretary to the conference, representing the Malayan Racing Association (Malaysia).]**

# Interview with Mr. Purushotham

*Front Runner* talks to Mr. Purushotham s/o Joseph Michael, 68, veterinary assistant, one of the longest-serving staff at the Club. Mr. Purushotham who is attached to the Veterinary department started his career with the Club in November 1970 at the age of 20.

**FR:** Seeing that you are the most senior in terms of service at the Veterinary department, can you share with us the number of veterinary surgeons that you have worked under?

**P:** The Club's veterinary surgeons that I have worked under were Dr. Rao Pasupathy, Dr. Lim Ah Soo, Dr. Ho Boon Chan, Dr. Kevin Doyle, Dr. Eugene Reynders, Dr. John Williams, Dr. Edward Samuel, Dr. Cheong Chee Ken and currently under Dr. Khor Li Li and Dr. Melissa Yeap Pei Lee.

**FR:** What was your designation when you first started working with the Club? And, what is a typical day like for you at the veterinary clinic?

**P:** I started out as a Veterinary Attendant and was later promoted to Veterinary Assistant. A typical day for me starts at 7:30am – 11:30am, then a break for lunch and the afternoon session resumes from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. My daily duties include checking the stock of our medical supplies; prepping the horse(s) brought in by the respective trainers for treatment by the veterinary surgeons; setting up of the X-Ray machines when the need arises; assisting the veterinary surgeons when carrying out an X-Ray; and, cleaning up of the veterinary equipments after use. The syce from the respective stables will be on hand to hold the horse in position for an X-Ray.

**FR:** Based on your long service at the veterinary department, which veterinary surgeon imparted skills and knowledge that has helped in your daily work today?

**P:** It was working under Dr. Kevin Doyle that I found it an enriching experience as I had the opportunity to see him impart the finer points in drenching horse(s) suffering from colic using a stomach tube; and also how to administer an intra-articular injection, a procedure which is proven to be more effective in treating joint problems commonly found in racehorses to our local veterinary surgeon.

In line with the progress in veterinary science, the veterinary surgeons who came on board later brought with them knowledge on new veterinary procedures and introduced the usage of newer drugs in administering treatments.

Presently, working under Dr. Khor Li Li, I am really fortunate that though she is my superior she treats her staff at the Veterinary department as her equals and accords us the due respect, enabling us to work well as a team.

**FR:** Having shared such a long history with the Club through your work here, what are some of the memorable experiences you have witnessed at the Club?

**P:** One of it was the joy of seeing the care that the late trainer, "Doc" Rodgers showered on his horses. "Doc" John Raju Rodgers was one of the most successful trainers based at Penang Turf Club. "Doc" Rodgers was well known for having won three Singapore Gold Cups as well as two Penang Gold Cups with the mighty Three Rings.

Another memorable occasion was when our Penang-based trainer, (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng saddled seven winners for the same owner (Auric Stable) in one afternoon at Bukit Timah, Singapore on 3rd August 1991. I can remember how elated all of us at Penang Turf Club felt that a Penang-based trainer had achieved such an incredible feat that afternoon. The elation was more climatic when (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng's achievement that afternoon was recognized as a World Record in the Guinness Book of Records. Till today, the record remains unequaled.

(Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng has remained a legend today having garnered many winners in the MRA circuit with numerous wins through the years such as the Yang Di Pertuan Agong Gold Cup (which was later renamed as Selangor Gold Cup), Piala Emas Sultan Selangor, Perak Derby, Singapore Gold Cup, Raffles Cup, Singapore Governor's Cup, Tunku's Gold Cup (renamed as Selangor Tunku Gold Cup), Singapore Derby, Singapore Lion City Cup, Singapore Guineas, Coronation Cup, Patron's Bowl, Penang Gold Cup (which was later renamed the Penang Yang DiPertua Negeri Gold Cup), Penang Sprint Trophy, Queen Elizabeth II Cup (it has been renamed Kranji Mile), Perak Sultan's Gold Vase, MRA Cup, earning him the accolade as a 13-time MRA Champion Trainer. (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng has the uncanny ability of getting the best out of his horses.

I can still remember (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng shipping in his purchase of horses costing more than half-a-million dollars then, from the United Kingdom and the excitement of seeing the horses getting off the aeroplane. I was part of a team comprising his stable staff and the Club's veterinary surgeon who were at Bayan Lepas, Penang in the dearth of the night awaiting the arrival of the horses. After the veterinary surgeon had checked the horses, the horses were then floated to the Club. (One of the most expensive horses flown out then was *Bandstand (Crepello – Martial Air2)* costing about RM70,000 for Auric Stables owned by the Sung brothers).

I believe (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng is the only trainer who has brought two plane loads of horses from the United Kingdom to his stable in Penang.



**FR:** From your years of working at the Club, can you share with us the benefits the Club has made for the betterment of the industry?

**P:** Before the three Malaysian Turf Clubs introduced horse floats, the horses based in Penang had to be led on to the ferry, to get to the railway station in Butterworth and then loaded on to the trains to travel to Perak, Selangor and Singapore to compete in the circuit.

In the past, the horses stabled at Penang Turf Club had to be floated to the sea at Gurney Drive for a swim; later the horses were floated to the sea at Tanjong Tokong area instead. The horses were susceptible to cuts and wounds due to sharp objects in the sea and sometimes, stung by jellyfish, too. This exercise was later stopped by the City Council.

Then, the Committee constructed an equine swimming pool and trainers were spared the hassle of floating the horses to the sea for swimming.

Previously, the horses that needed to undergo an X-Ray had to be taken to the infirmary in River Road, Penang as the Club had no X-Ray equipment, then.

Despite having the most basic of amenities, horse racing still thrived in the 70s – 80s era.

**FR:** How is the situation different presently from previous years?

**P:** Previously, the trainers would saddle the horses in the mornings and then walked in the paddock to allow the horses to warm-up properly before going on to their morning track work. Now, there are very few trainers who still continue with this practice. The trainers will instead saddle and walk the horses at the respective stables and then bring them down to morning track work instead.

Another point to add is that previously, there were notably well-known racehorse owners namely, Jerry Sung of Auric stable, Inderapura stable (owned by the then Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Ahmad Shah); Chen's stable (owned by the late Tan Sri Tan Chin Tuan, Chairman of Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation); (Tun) Dr. Lim Chong Eu, former Chief Minister of Penang, the Yongs of Income stable, Ng Teng Fong of Lucky stable, Tan Gek Charn of Olympia stable, the Tans of Goodman stable, to name a few who had stabled horses with (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng.

There were also foreign and famous jockeys from Australia, New Zealand and United Kingdom at the course namely; Jimmy Johnson and Johnny Miller (Australia), the New Zealanders were Peter Johnson, Brian York, Nigel Tilley, Maree Lyndon and Kim

Clapperton; and, the jockeys from United Kingdom were Lester Piggot, Taffy Thomas, Philip Peter Robinson and Ron Hutchinson.

However now we do not have such well-known owners and jockeys at the course these days, as racing in this corner of the world, has been on a decline. In those days, (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng as a racehorse trainer played a very prominent part in contributing to the growth of the racing industry then.

**FR:** Why do you think the previous practice is no longer carried out?

**P:** This could be because to the trainers of today have less syces now due to rising costs and poor revenue. Nowadays, it is probably one syce assigned to three/ four horses.

Previously, in the days of (Dato Seri') Teh Choon Beng, he had one groom assigned to one horse and as he had the biggest stable in the Club, he had well nearly 150 syces, ten riding boys, four farriers and four 'mandors' (supervisors) for his stable alone, apart from four assistant trainers.

When I was working under Dr. Rao Pasupathy then, our small veterinary team had our hands full just attending to his (Dato Seri's) stable, alone.

**FR:** How is the racing industry of yesteryear different from that of today?

**P:** Previously, racing attendance was above 15,000 at the Penang Gold Cup meeting. Now, attendance at the Club has dwindled to less than 2,000 at a race meeting. I believe that in the past, trainers had absolute control over the stables. Today, we have 'hotelier' trainers controlling the stable.

I think most trainers' approach to the animals these days are also different. The care and welfare of the animals were more obvious in comparison to the present day where most trainers are more concerned with the bottom dollar and the revenue a horse can yield.

**FR:** Do you have any thoughts that you would like to share with the readers of *Front Runner*?

**P:** I would like to put on record my appreciation to the President and Committee for giving me the opportunity to work here and also, allowing me to stay on, on a contract basis since my retirement eight years ago. This job has allowed me to raise a family and I am now a proud grand-father of three (two boys and a girl).

Interview was done by: Goh Su Yen, Asst. Club Secretary



Value Of Justice proves his worth in the 2017 Gold Cup

# RICH HISTORY OF THE GOLD CUP

**T**he Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup was first run as the Penang Gold Cup in 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* over 11 furlongs (about 2,212m) after which racing was halted because of World War II.

The Gold Cup series resumed in 1948 and *Predominance* became the first post-war winner. The distance was 10 furlongs (about 2,011m) as was the 1969 Gold Cup won by *Madasari*.

From 1950 to 1952, the distance was reverted to 11 furlongs. The 1952 winner *Col. Whatnot* repeated his success the following year when the distance was changed yet again to 10 furlongs. The Gold Cup was run over that distance, and later over 2,000m when racing went metric, until 1984.

*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 years later. It signalled 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 Chevalier - 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 with *Shadowfax* (*Double-U-Jay - Arcail*) and he followed up in the next season with *Mallane* (*Pall Mall - Aunt Florrie by Delirium*).

After the race was renamed Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup 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 in 1985, Teh won again with *Truth* (*Brigand - Onserene by Oncidium*) who was ridden by apprentice Ismadi Ismail. That year, the distance of the Gold Cup was changed to 2,200m and remained at that for the next 28 years.



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 *Trictrac*) and two years later scored again on *Courtline Jester* (*Caerleon - Bottom Line*).

In 1994, the Gold Cup achieved 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 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).

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*).



Yastrzemski scores his first big win in the Gold Cup in 2014

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, bringing her 12-win career to a premature end.

After the resumption of cross-border racing in 2005, four horses from across the causeway have emerged triumphant in the Gold Cup with *Light Of Success* (*Military Plume - Scentessa* by *Scenic*) taking honours that year.

The following year, it was the Laurie Laxon-trained *Expunge* (*Gilded Time - Prime Again* by *Marooned*) that denied *Light Of Success* its second win.

Trainer Steven Burridge was successful with *Risky Business* in 2010 and *Hint* (*Reset - Suggestive* by *Al Hareb*) easily accounted for his Malaysian rivals in 2012.

*Raul* (*Hideyoshi - Whisper To Me* by *Beau Sovereign*) created history by becoming the oldest horse to win the Gold Cup at the ripe old age of ten. The former Singapore galloper also 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 *Raul's* trainer Evert van Breukelen, it was an unforgettable moment in his career as he finally achieved what his late father Eddie had achieved three times, with *Champion* in 1964, *Moonbeam* in 1969 and *Siapa Rajah* in 1972.

In 2016, van Breukelen enjoyed an unexpected second success in the Gold Cup when the winner *Illuminado* was disqualified after a lengthy injury for returning a positive swab after the race, and his charge *Messi* was promoted to first place.



Bright Life wins the 2015 Gold Cup in heavy rain

## 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

# 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	Centreview	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 Woodworth	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 Zafr
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	2:12.55	J De Souza	S Burridge
2013	Monsili	Millennium Stable	50	2200m	2:01.30	HS Gill	S Edwards
2014	Yastrzemski	Aussie Stable	50.5	2000m	2:10.91	L Sofhan	F Maynard
2015	Bright Life	Tivic Stable	54	2000m	2:07.40	J De Souza	R Lines
2016	Messi	Mdm Chew Siew Ean	55	2000m	2:07.40	F Yap	E Breukelen
2017	Value of Justice	Lucky Stable	51	2000m	2:00.90	S Ruzaini	F Maynard

# COLOURFUL AND EXCITING SPRINT TROPHY

When the Penang Turf Club decided to add a big sprint race to their calendar in 1981, they decided to call it simply The Sprint Trophy.

Although the Sprint Trophy has the shortest history of the major sprints in Malaysia, it quickly became the richest, the most eagerly awaited sprint each season.

It is interesting to note that sixteen years after retiring from training, Dato' Seri Teh Choon Beng still holds the record for the most number of victories in the Sprint Trophy series.

After the success of *Sovereign Escort II* (chestnut Irish horse by *St Chad - Alynda*), trained by the late Lee Seng Hap, in the inaugural running, Teh quickly made his mark in the series with *Ten Hugs* (grey English gelding by *Comedy Star - Maid Of Honour*) the following year. That was the only two years the Sprint Trophy was run as a handicap. The Sprint Trophy was then staged as a weight-for-age until 2009 when it became a set-weights event.

After his initial success with *Ten Hugs*, Teh chalked up his

second win in the series with *Teetoy* (dark bay/brown American horse by *Blade - Good Tee Shot* by *Advocator*) in 1986. *Teetoy* had raced in the United Kingdom before coming over to Malaysia.

*Batman* (grey gelding by *Godswalk - Orchid Vale* by *Gallant Man*), one of the best horses Teh ever trained, romped to victory in 1989, making Maree Lyndon the first-ever woman jockey to win the series. *Batman* was to repeat the success two years later, this time with Kim Clapperton on board.

Clapperton became the first jockey to win the Sprint Trophy twice, the second time was in 1993, on the Teh-trained *Beta Ray Bill* (brown New Zealand gelding by *Sound Reason - Dentine* by *Noble Bijou*).

The next most successful trainer was Malcolm Thwaites whose initial success came in 1988 when *He's Dawan* (chestnut American gelding by *Coulee Man - Stroll* by *Walkers*) literally frightened away his potential rivals. Only five horses took on the champion sprinter who coasted home by six-and-a-half lengths without being extended.





*Good Baby winning his second Sprint Trophy in 2015*



In 1995 and 1996, Thwaites scored back-to-back wins with *Fischer* (chestnut Australian gelding by *Al Khawaaneeg* – *Wayette Coghlin* by *Youth*) and the gelding triumphed again in 1998 and is the only three-time winner of the Sprint Trophy.

The early years of the Sprint Trophy produced some surprising results.

When the Sprint Trophy was switched from a handicap to a weight-for-age event, the “stayers” immediately began to have their say as well. That year, proven stayer *Andermatt* (bay New Zealand gelding by *Amalgam* - *Aminona* by *Oakville*) upset the champion sprinter *Added Advantage II* (bay Irish horse by *Welsh Saint* - *Shade* by *Gratitude*).

The next great stayer to triumph was *St Gallen* (bay New Zealand gelding by *Decies* - *Aminona* by *Oakville*), a half-brother to *Andermatt* and twice winner of the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup (2,200m) and a Singapore Gold Cup (2,200m) winner, who won by eight-and-a-half lengths in 1987!

Then there was *Colonial Chief* (bay New Zealand gelding by *Vice Regal* - *Gold Seine* by *Gold Sovereign*), winner of the MRA Cup over 2,000m in 1988 and the Singapore Gold Cup the following year, who romped home by seven lengths in 1990.

*Confidence V* (chestnut Australian gelding by *Serheed* - *Cherie Avion* by *Captain's Wings*) is another stayer who made his mark in 1997 and for

three years running from 2001, the “stayers” also made the race their own.

*Smooth Sailing* (bay New Zealand gelding by *Kinjite* - *Quiescent* by *Gleam Machine*), who has been placed in the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup (2,200m) and Tunku Gold Cup (2,000m), out-sprinted the rest to win in 2001.

In 2002, *Opposing Force* (chestnut New Zealand gelding by *Jetball* - *Delia's Choice* by *Sir Tristram*), winner of two Perak Derby over 2,400m, stormed home on the extreme outside of the track to score an emphatic win.

Champion mare *Confluence* (bay/brown New Zealand mare by *Paris Opera* - *Tristrams Jewel* by *Sir Tristram*) outshone everyone else to win in 2003 after having won the Selangor Gold Cup over 2,000m.

The Sprint Trophy became the richest sprint and the second richest race in Malaysia with prizemoney of RM700,000 in 2000. That year, *Seaside Bank* (chestnut Australian gelding by *Sikorsky* - *Casper Lady* by *Christmas Tree*) emerged victorious after a thrilling duel with *Endanger* (brown Australian gelding by *Danehill* - *Hyeres* by *Gay Mecene*).

Prizemoney for the Sprint Trophy was raised to RM750,000 in 2002 and the Penang Turf Club created history with the sponsorship of Astro Wah Lai Toi in 2003 when they were able to push the total prizemoney to RM1 million. That year, *Confluence* (bay/brown New Zealand mare by *Paris Opera* - *Tristrams Jewel* by *Sir Tristram*), ridden by Oscar Chavez, scored a memorable win.

*Mr Armstrong scores a thrilling win in 2016*



Joe Czarina gives trainer Dr Tan Swee Hock his first win in the Sprint Trophy in 2014



Chavez, who rode *Confluence* to victory in 2003, was back in the winner's circle in 2005 when he partnered *Hunii* (black/brown Australian gelding by *Clay Hero* - *Arvada Miss* by *Osmunda*) to victory, stealing a run on *Flying Diamond* (brown Australian gelding by *Telesto* - *Innocente* by *Centaine*) who flashed home too late to catch the winner.

After the retirement of Teh, Richard Lines became the first Penang based trainer to win the Sprint Trophy when *Opposing Force* triumphed in 2002 and Frank Maynard captured his first classic on the local turf when he saddled *Jeram New Village* to victory in 2005. Maynard repeated the success with *Cheyenne Dancer* in 2008 when he was based at Sungei Besi. Incidentally, *Opposing Force* was purchased by Teh for NZ\$70,000 as a yearling.

In 2009, the Sprint Trophy was run at set-weights for the first time, in line with most other classic races in Malaysia.

History was created in 2011 when the locally trained *Eagle* (*Clangalang* - *Unbeatable* by *Casual Lies*) and *Blue Tosca* (*Canny Lad* - *Desert Bride* by *Desert King*) battled to a deadheat in the Sprint Trophy, a first in the history of the event which was first run in 1981.

It was a sensational start to a new chapter in the history of the race as it was run on the re-surfaced track for the first time.

From 1999, the Sprint Trophy was dogged by three cancellations due to adverse weather and the consequent unsafe track conditions, the first occasion in 1999 and the second time in 2007.

In 2008, the Sprint Trophy weekend was called off and

the big race was re-scheduled to be held during the Gold Cup meeting in December. *Cheyenne Dancer* (brown Australian gelding by *Indian Danehill* - *Daylight Hour* by *Brief Truce*), then trained in Kuala Lumpur and had captured a cross-border race at Kranji that year, proved his class once again to lead all the way for a convincing win.

One of the major highlights in the series was when *Captain Obvious* (grey Australian gelding by *Verglas* - *Shathor* by *Tirol*) scored the biggest win seen in any classic on the local turf when he trounced the opposition by 12 lengths in

the Sprint Trophy in 2010. *Captain Obvious* won 10 races in Malaysia before conquering Singapore and Dubai.

After the running of the Sprint Trophy that year, Penang Turf Club undertook to re-lay the main track at the Batu Gantong racecourse immediately after the Sprint Trophy meeting and for 10 months Penang meetings were either held in Ipoh or Kuala Lumpur.

Four years after Astro ended their sponsorship of the Sprint Trophy, Penang Turf Club secured a new sponsor in 2014 when Swettenham Stud, one of Australia's premier establishments, lent their support to the 1,400m sprint.

As it turned out, Penang Turf Club had double the reason to celebrate the occasion when locally trained *Joe Czarina* (chestnut Australian gelding *Falvelon* - *Czarina* by *Royal Academy*) romped to victory, providing trainer Dr Tan Swee Hock with his first success in the Sprint Trophy.

In 2013, the Sprint Trophy provided a watershed moment for seven-time Malaysian champion jockey Azhar Ismail. For all his successes in the saddle, Azhar had — until last year — won every big race in Malaysia except the Sprint Trophy.

It was not surprising, therefore, that Azhar was grinning from ear to ear when he returned to the winning enclosure astride *Good Baby* (bay Australian gelding by *Hussonet* - *Secret Haze* by *Danehill*) in the 1,400m classic.

2012 also saw another 'first' when *Mr Raffles* (brown New Zealand gelding by *Storm Creek* - *Force Fillee* by *Foxbay*) scored a runaway win to become the first Singapore trained runner to win the Sprint Trophy since the resumption of cross-border racing in 2005.

# SPRINT TROPHY WINNERS

(Race known as Astro Wah Lai Toi Sprint Trophy from 2003-2010)

YEAR	HORSE	OWNER	WGT	DIST.	TIME	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1981	Sovereign Escort II (IRE)	Ng's Stable	49.5	1400m	1:24.8	L Khoo	S H Lee
1982	Ten Hugs (GB)	Auric Stable	51	1400m	1:25.1	R Rajoo	Teh Choon Beng
1983	Andermatt (NZ)	Equus Stable	57	1400m	1:22.9	T Lucas	I W Allan
1984	Our Saint (NZ)	Agasam Stable	57	1400m	1:23.2	T S Chiam	G Bougoure
1985	Happiness II (GB)	Triomphe Stable	58.5	1400m	1:28.2	M Johnston	K Leong
1986	Teetoy (USA)	Goodman Stable	56	1400m	1:24.3	P Johnson	Teh Choon Beng
1987	St Gallen (NZ)	Equus Stable	58.5	1400m	1:29.2	L Danis	C Read
1988	He's Dawan (USA)	He's Dawan Stable	58.5	1400m	1:25.7	T Lucas	M Thwaites
1989	Batman (NZ)	Auric & Olympia Stable	56	1400m	1:29.7	M Lyndon	Teh Choon Beng
1990	Colonial Chief (NZ)	Promise Stable	58.5	1400m	1:26.1	K L Oo	I W Allan
1991	Batman (NZ)	Auric & Olympia Stable	57	1400m	1:22.4	K Clapperton	Teh Choon Beng
1992	The Kingfighter (AUS)	Selangor Stable	58.5	1400m	1:27.9	S Y Leong	J Ho
1993	Beta Ray Bill (NZ)	Auric Stable	57.5	1400m	1:23.1	K Clapperton	Teh Choon Beng
1994	Kim Kim II (NZ)	Kimmui's Stable	58.5	1400m	1:22.8	I Albuino	J Brink
1995	Fischer (AUS)	Eres Tu Stable	57	1400m	1:26.9	R Woodworth	M Thwaites
1996	Fischer (AUS)	Eres Tu Stable	58.5	1400m	1:26.9	S Y Leong	M Thwaites
1997	Confidence V (AUS)	Confidence Stable	58.5	1400m	1:28.8	S Price	F Nathan
1998	Fischer (AUS)	Eres Tu Stable	58.5	1400m	1:22.5	J Saimee	M Thwaites
1999	Race cancelled due to adverse track conditions						
2000	Seaside Bank (AUS)	Winning Stable	58	1400m	1:24.6	D O'Heare	K C Tiang
2001	Smooth Sailing (NZ)	Resourceful Stable	58	1400m	1:23.8	K K Loh	B Chua
2002	Opposing Force (NZ)	Revenge Stable	58	1400m	1:30.1	S H Lee	R Lines
2003	Confluence (NZ)	Confidence Stable	56.5	1400m	1:30.1	O Chavez	F Nathan
2004	Hunii (AUS)	Jackpot Stable	58	1400m	1:22.5	O Chavez	M Breukelen
2005	Jeram New Village (NZ)	Gold Plus Stable	58	1400m	1:23.7	L Sofhan	F Maynard
2006	Triple Happy (AUS)	Mdm Kong Sau Leng	57.5	1400m	1:24.6	C Segeon	S Liew
2007	Race cancelled due to adverse track conditions						
2008	Cheyenne Dancer (AUS)	Cheyenne Stable	58	1400m	1:23.2	R Burnett	F Maynard
2009	Triple Luck (AUS)	Mdm Kong Sau Leng	56	1400m	1:33.6	K Eirwan	S Liew
2010	Captain Obvious (AUS)	Milton Stable	54	1400m	1:24.11	R Woodworth	K L Chong
2011	Blue Tosca (AUS)	Blue Grass Stable	52	1400m	1:22.21	M Wepner	S Cook
	Eagle (AUS)	Mdm Tey Pei Geok	53			J Low	T Gillespie
2012	Mr Raffles (NZ)	Raffles Racing Stable	55.5	1400m	1:24.18	G Cheyne	M Freedman
2013	Good Baby (AUS)	Golden Knight Stable	57	1400m	1:26.25	I Azhar	K Coetzee
2014	Joe Czarina (AUS)	Czarina Stable	54	1400m	1:22.90	W K Yan	S H Tan
2015	Good Baby (AUS)	Golden Knight Stable	59	1400m	1:28.00	J De Souza	CC Ooi
2016	Mr Armstrong (AUS)	Raffles Racing Stable	53	1400m	1:21.10	App AM Aizat	F Maynard
2017	Volcanic General (AUS)	Fated To Win Stable	55	1400m	1:26.10	S Ruzaini	C Leck
2018	2018 Mr Nevermind (NZ)	MR Stable	54	1400m	1:27.40	App CC Wong	E Breukelen

The jubilant connections leading in Davinci



# DAVINCI MASTER- PIECE

Brilliant ride by jockey saw *Davinci* bagging the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup



*Davinci* (No. 10) masters *D'Great Timing* to win the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup

A masterpiece of riding by Harmeet Singh Gill saw *Davinci* (*Mastercraftsman* - *All Night Party* by *Just A Dancer*) came with a well-timed run to snatch victory in the RM350,000 Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup (2,000m) in Penang on December 30, 2018.

*Davinci* won four races in Singapore, three of them in Class 4 and once in an Initiation race.

Early last year, after his transfer to Kevin Coetzee in Ipoh, *Davinci* regained his form with two wins in Class 4 and just two months prior to the Cup, was still winning in a Cosmo D event. Few would have imagined the progress he would make in just a couple of months.

*Davinci* performed above himself when he finished second to *Ready To Rock* in the Coronation Cup (1,600m) last November.

*Davinci* finally showed what he was capable of when he beat rank-outsider *D'Great Timing* (*Good Journey* - *Miss Covet* by *Covetous*) by a short head in the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Gold Cup.



Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas presenting the trophy to owner Gurdip Singh



Trainer Kevin Coetzee receiving his trophy from Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas



Tun Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas presenting the trophy to jockey Harmeeet Singh Gill

Gill had *Davinci* on the rails in midfield but passing the 800m, he had nowhere to go in front. Gill had to drop him back and gradually switch to the outside of the field making the turn into the straight. *Davinci* eventually got going to nail his first big win.

*Ready To Rock* (*Ready's Image - Pinnacle* by *Shirley Heights*) had to come from last at the home turn and then met with rough passages in the home stretch to take third placing.

*Davinci* has now won eight times (four in Malaysia) in 46 starts.

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

YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI GOLD CUP 2018					
Malaysia Group 1 (Set Weights) – 2,000m					
DAVINCI (NZ)	7 G	K Coetzee	51	HS Gill	1
D'GREAST TIMING (AUS)	5 G	F Maynard	52	J Low	2
READY TO ROCK (AUS)	5 G	R Lines	56	J De Souza	3
VERBAL LINK (FR)	5 G	S Hamilton	54	S Salee	4
ARIF (IRE)	6 G	S Hamilton	51	R Rueven	5
TIGER BAY (AUS)	7 G	F Maynard	51	CK Khaw	6
ORDER OF THE SUN (AUS)	8 G	C Leck	58	S Ruzaini	7
MR SCORSESE (NZ)	6 G	S Ellis	50.5	Y Aify	8
LITTLEBITOFOJOY (USA)	10 G	I Ismadi	50	I Amirul	9
RISING GLORY (NZ)	6 G	BT Lim	52	KC Wong	10
Going : Soft    Winning Time : 2 min. 5.10 secs Margins : Short head, 1 ½ lengths, 2 ¼ lengths					



A group photo after the prize presentation

# Nevermind the Past, Glory at Last

The jubilant owners leading  
in Mr Nevermind



**Mr Nevermind bagged Penang Sprint Trophy after two second-placed finishes in Cups**

After finding one to beat in the two big sprints, *Mr Nevermind* (*Iffraaj - Speedalot* by *Prized*) finally had his moment of glory in the RM300,000 Penang Sprint Trophy on July 29, 2018.

In fact, *Mr Nevermind* was first past the post in the Tunku Gold Cup (1,200m) in April 2018 but lost the race in the stewards' room after the rider of the second-placed *Volcanic General* filed a protest for interference.

*Mr Nevermind* then finished second to *Volcanic General* in the Perak Gold Vase (1,100m) in early June before winning a Cosmo B event in Penang later in the month.

The 2018 Sprint Trophy was run in heavy going after a downpour earlier in the day's programme.

But top marks went to Malaysian apprentice jockey Wong Chin Chuen, who is now based in Singapore, for a brilliant ride on *Mr Nevermind*.

Trapped on the insides of horses on settling down, Wong attempted to make up ground at the 1,000m mark but ran up to the heels of horses in front and had to ease back, to third last position at one stage in the 16-horse capacity field.

Wong bided for his time and opportunity, and he eventually found gaps between runners in front. At the top of the straight, *Mr Nevermind* was among a line of horses chasing the leader *D'Great Conqueror* (*More Than Ready - Aragonce* by *Lake Coniston*) who had made a break and was several lengths clear.

But *Mr Nevermind* quickly closed the gap and raced past the leader with ease to win by 5 1/4 lengths. *Showboy*

(*Showcasing - Effloresce* by *Montjeu*) flashed home to beat *D'Great Conqueror* for second.

*Mr Nevermind* won twice in ten starts in Singapore but since relocating to Malaysia, picked up five wins and three placings in as many runs up to and including the Penang Sprint Trophy.

It was the first Sprint Trophy win for trainer Evert van Breukelen, emulating the feat of his late brother Marinus who saddled *Hunii* to victory in 2004.

Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections.



*Mr Nevermind* coasting home well ahead of  
the rest in the Penang Sprint Trophy



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to owner Alvin Lau



Trainer Evert van Breukelen receiving his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan



Apprentice Wong Chin Chuen is all smiles as he receives his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan

PENANG SPRINT TROPHY					
Open (Set-Weights) – 1,400m					
MR NEVERMIND (NZ)	5 G	E Breukelen	54	CC Wong	1
SHOWBOY (NZ)	5 G	F Maynard	54	L Sofhan	2
D'GREAT CONQUEROR (AUS)	6 G	F Maynard	53	Y Aify	3
HATTA (AUS)	4 G	F Maynard	51	S Ruzaini	4
VOLCANIC GENERAL (AUS)	6 G	C Leck	59	J De Souza	5
VERBAL LINK (FR)	4 G	S Hamilton	53	S Salee	6
ARAGORN (AUS)	4 G	CW Robert	52.5	R Woodworth	7
CAPTAIN JAZZ (AUS)	5 G	F Maynard	58	KC Wong	8
SEA WORLD (AUS)	7 G	R Lines	53	L De Souza	9
EL CONDOR (AUS)	4 G	F Maynard	50	J Low	10
KERAUNO (AUS)	5 G	S Hamilton	51	AK Lim	11
TAFFETAS (AUS)	8 M	R Lines	51	CK Khaw	12
NAZIR (NZ)	6 G	K Coetzee	55	R Rueven	13
WORLD HARMONY (NZ)	7 G	CW Robert	52.5	M Ganeesh	14
STICK SEEKER (AUS)	6 G	L Moy	56	W Faizal	15
TRUDEAU (AUS)	10 G	S Edwards	52	Z Khairil	16
Going : Heavy      Winning Time : 1 min. 27.40 secs Margins : 5 3/4 lengths, 1 length, 3 lengths					



A group photo after the prize presentation

# KERAUNO STRIKES IN CUP

## Promise of more to come for gelding after winning Macau Jockey Club Goodwill Cup

*Kerauno* (*Equiano* - *Hidden Energy* by *Dehere*) picked up his first feature win when he came from just off the pace to capture the RM75,000 Macau Jockey Club Goodwill Cup in Penang on December 30, 2018.

The son of *Equiano* had won three times in 10 starts in Australia. He quickly showed his potential here when he won his Malaysian debut in mid 2017.

*Kerauno* failed twice in the Penang Sprint Trophy but could not be denied his success in the Macau Jockey Club Goodwill Cup, a Cosmo A set-weight event over 1,400m.

Ridden by Jose De Souza, *Kerauno* defeated *Captain Jazz* (*Captain Sonador* - *Monte Crystal* by *Rock Of Gibraltar*) by a neck after the latter had taken the lead 200m out. *Browcow* (*Street Cry* - *Scarlet Bird* by *Rubiton*) finished third.

*Kerauno* has now picked up four wins in 16 starts in Malaysia.

Trophies for the Macau Jockey Club Goodwill Trophy were presented by Mr Sammy Lei, Betting Manager of Macau Jockey Club.



*Kerauno* narrowly defeated *Captain Jazz* (partly-hidden) to win the Macau Jockey Club Goodwill Trophy



The winning connections leading in *Kerauno*



*Dato Saw Lip Khai (right) receiving the winning trophy from Mr Sammy Lei*



*Mr Sammy Lei presenting the trophy to jockey Jose De Souza*



*Penang Turf Club President Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting a memento to Mr Sammy Lei*



*The winning connections pose for a photo*

## How Horses Sleep

Horses are prey animals which do not normally sleep lying down in their natural habitat. Due to their straight backs, horses cannot get up quickly. By the time a predator arrives, losing precious time in getting up could cost them their lives. Luckily for horses, a cool aspect pertaining to their limbs' anatomy known as the 'stay apparatus', allows them to achieve light sleep without falling over.

The 'stay apparatus' is a mechanism comprising a group of ligaments, tendons and muscles in the fore and hind limbs which operate collectively to 'lock' the major joints in the limbs of the horse thus enabling it to stand for long periods without fatigue and 'sleep' while standing.

In the wild, this allows the horse, because of its acute fear response, to take flight quickly when predators approach. With the racehorses, the 'stay apparatus' enables them to stand for hours travelling in horse floats or in the airplane.

However, horses just as humans, still require deep sleep for proper mental and physical functioning which can only be accomplished when the animal lies down to sleep. Therefore, horses do sleep lying down but only in a safe environment.

**Contributed by Dr. Melissa Yeap Pei Lee,  
PNTC Veterinary Surgeon**



# BATTLE IN THE MUD

*Golden Casino* triumphed in three-way tussle in Mitavite Cup

Heavy rain during the preceding race turned the track “heavy” for the RM60,000 Mitavite Cup in Penang on July 29, 2018 but that did not prevent *Golden Casino*, *Golden Kingdom* and *Flying Darci* from making a race of it.

*Flying Darci* (*Darci Brahma* - *Bartolomeo* by *Strategic*) set a brisk pace despite the adverse track conditions with *Golden Casino* and *Golden Kingdom* among the chasing pack.

*Golden Kingdom* (*Elusive City* - *Sea Paint* by *Peintre Celebre*) raced up to the leader and was level at the 200m. *Golden Casino* was in between them less than a length away but seemed struggling to get to the two leaders.

However, in the final 100m, *Golden Casino* (*I Am Invincible* - *Zebithea* by *Barathea*) managed to charge through, hit the front to win by three-quarters of a length. *Golden Kingdom* finished one length ahead of *Flying Darci* in second place.

*Golden Casino* won three times in 33 starts in Singapore but drew a blank for two seasons in 2016 and 2017 before making the move to Malaysia where he was pretty consistent with a win and three placings in six starts before winning the Mitavite Cup, a Class 4 - 1,300m handicap.

Madam Mimi Lew presented the trophy to the winning owner while trainer Evert van Breukelen and apprentice Wong Chin Chuen received their trophies from Mr Gavin John Kenna.

*Golden Casino triumphs in Mitavite Cup*



*Mr Gavin John Kenna presenting the trophy to trainer Evert van Breukelen*



*Apprentice Wong Chin Chuen receiving his trophy from Mr Gavin John Kenna*



*A group photo after the prize presentation*

# 2018 WORKED OUT TO BE A VERY CHALLENGING YEAR FOR EQUINE NUTRITION AUSTRALASIA (ENA)

## KOREA

In the first quarter of the year, we worked very closely with the Infinity Group who are a new supplier at the Seoul Racetrack Korea. They were very keen for us to supply racing diets that would be competitive. Given the fact that we are a global company, it was no real challenge once we got to know more about how the Koreans like to feed.

Fortunately we had very good success early with winning results and now have a consistent share of the market. The winning move from The Infinity Group was to organise for their clients to visit our factory here in Malaysia. By doing this, the trainers got a much better informed perspective on rice bran and the quality of our other grains. Whilst "RACING MIX" is a relatively new feed in the market, it is gaining interest on a daily basis globally.



## KUWAIT

Another mission that took us to task was an endurance diet for Kuwait. The Middle East would be one of the biggest endurance markets and very competitive.

Dr Youssef El Saghir had made contact with us inquiring on the benefits of rice bran and how it could improve performance on the endurance horses. Given the fact that the product is very high in energy and low in starch, it falls right into the category for endurance work. With the added stress related to competition in the Middle East, the innate and natural muscle building agent, Gamma Oryzanol in the rice bran also plays a major role. Trials began in Kuwait in the last quarter of 2018 with our new feed "ENDURANZ" after producing winning results here in Malaysia

## UTM Internship Program

Equine Nutrition Australasia (ENA) and Mitavite-Asia have hosted students from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Johor the past two years for a 12 week practical and interactive internship program as part of their Bachelor of Science (Equine Management) degree course.

Since 2013, UTM has pioneered regionally the promotion of Equine sports and equestrian activities amongst students and the public to develop interest and passion for the industry.

As part of our social corporate responsibility initiative, we have been able to secure the support of successful participants within the Malaysian Equine industry to contribute their time, knowledge, experience and impart their respective expertise towards this internship program.

Under this specially designed course, the students are able to understand and apply, interact and participate in a number of practical and administrative modules related to various equine disciplines. The syllabus range covers horse riding, carriage driving, management of racing and equestrian stables, spelling/rehabilitation farms, veterinary centres, quarantine facilities, nutrition and equine feed manufacturing and equine treadmill training. Opportunities to view and understand other facets of the equine industry such as the Turf Club operations including the Malayan Racing Association (MRA) and Malaysian Equine Council (MEM) complete the administrative part of the program enabling students to decide their career path to pursue.

Students are also awarded the "Certificate of Completion" at the end of the internship program, giving them due recognition for committing to the entire course which hopefully would provide them the platform for their own advancement in the equine industry.



God Helps Me wins Perth Racing Trophy unchallenged



# No Help Needed

God Helps Me romped to seven-length victory in Perth Racing Trophy

No divine intervention was required when *God Helps Me* (*Congrats - Myalla Gold* by *Show A Heart*) lined up for the RM90,000 Perth Racing Trophy in Penang on July 29, 2018.

The Australian gelding was among a bunch of five horses vying for the early lead in the Cosmo B - 1,400m event and eventually sat in third spot behind *JC Queen* (*Lope De Vega - La Famelia* by *Strategic*) who took command on settling down.

*God Helps Me* took a run on the inside of *JC Queen* at the top of the straight and they were level at the 300m. Soon after, *God Helps Me* surged ahead and began to pull away with every stride.

At the post, *God Helps Me* was seven lengths clear with *JC Queen* holding on to second place. *D'Great Vulture* (*No Excuse Needed - High Tune* by *High Chaparral*) finished third.

*God Helps Me* won once in ten starts in Australia and his Perth Racing Trophy success was his third in twelve runs in the country.

Trophies for Perth Racing Trophy were presented by Mr Neil Pinner, former Chairman of Perth Racing.



Trainer Richard Lines receiving his trophy from Mr Neil Pinner



Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club, presenting a memento to Mr Neil Pinner



A group photo after the prize presentation

*Louey Veloce leads Silver Wind home in the Pinjarra Race Club Trophy*



**NEW  
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***Louey Veloce* celebrated career comeback with Pinjarra Race Club Trophy win**



*Trainer Cecil Robert receiving his trophy from Mr Phillip Ibbotson*

Considering that he won twice in four starts in New Zealand, *Louey Veloce's* campaign in Singapore was a huge disappointment. In 23 runs at Kranji, the gelding won just once, though he was also placed eight times.

However, *Louey Veloce* (No Excuse Needed - Kathy O'Reilly by O'Reilly) has enjoyed a new lease on life in Malaysia after ten months off the scene.

He marked his third start in the country with a runaway win in June 2018 but was immediately transferred to trainer Cecil Robert despite the success.

It did not take long for Robert to find success with *Louey Veloce* either. In just his second outing under Robert, the gelding battled to victory in a rain-soaked track in the RM60,000 Pinjarra Race Club Trophy in Penang on July 29, 2018.

*Louey Veloce* was among a line of three runners battling for the early lead. He then took charge and led the rest of the way, staving off the challenge of *Silver Wind* (Red Arrow - Bernina by Iglesia) by three-quarter of a length. *Ariel* (Exceed And Excel - Innovation Girl by Rubiton) was a long third after looking a possibility in the straight in the Class 4 - 1,100m sprint.

Mr Phillip Ibbotson, Chairman of Pinjarra Race Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections.



*Penang Turf Club Committee Member Mr Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah presenting a memento to Mr Phillip Ibbotson*



*The winning connections pose for a group photo*



The winning connections pose for a group photo.

# GALLANT AT EIGHT YEARS

*Zac Gallant capped best season with The Royal Bangkok Sports Club Trophy win*

Zac Gallant (Darci Brahma - Clermont Rose by Sound Reason) had to wait until he turned eight to produce his most prolific season, culminating with his victory in the RM30,000 The Royal Bangkok Sports Club Trophy in Penang on July 29, 2018.

His connections had high hopes for the New Zealand gelding when they paid NZ\$165,000 for him at the Ready To Run sale.

But Zac Gallant was placed eight times after making his debut in late 2012 before notching his maiden win in July 2015 in Singapore. Just one win followed in 2016 before he was shipped to Penang to join trainer Sharee Hamilton.

Zac Gallant picked up his first Malaysian win in January 2017 but later that year — after he turned eight — he won two more races before notching three wins in 2018.

In The Royal Bangkok Sports Club Trophy, apprentice jockey Laercio De Souza settled the gelding in third spot before taking on the pacemaker D'Great Ace (Snitzel- Tranquera by Show A Heart). The pair drew away from the field at the 200m to fight it out with Zac Gallant winning by a head.

Mario Attila (Hawkeye - Keshava by Maroff) came from a long way to flash home third in the Class 5 - 1,200m sprint.

Maj. Pansuang Xumsai Na Ayudhya, Chairman of The Royal Bangkok Sports Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections.



Zac Gallant (outside) battles it out with D'Great Ace



Apprentice Laercio De Souza receiving his trophy from Maj. Pansuang Xumsai Na Ayudhya



Penang Turf Club Committee Member Ms. Teoh Mei Shean presenting a memento to Maj. Pansuang Xumsai Na Ayudhya

# Braving the Rain

**D'Great Talent won Royal Turf Club Of Thailand Trophy in heavy rain**



*D'Great Talent overtakes Equally Optimistic to win the Royal Turf Club Of Thailand Trophy*



*Jockey Cheng Han Kok receiving his trophy from General Surarit Chandratip*



*Penang Turf Club Committee Member Dato Saw Lip Khai presenting a memento to General Chamlong Boongrapue*

The RM30,000 Royal Turf Club Of Thailand Trophy in Penang on July 29, 2018 was run in very heavy downpour and racegoers were only aware of the proceedings when the field were well into the home straight.

It seemed that *Equally Optimistic* (*Show A Heart - Attend by Xaar*) tried to make all the running but was eventually overtaken by *D'Great Talent* (*Congrats - Hickory Hills by More Than Ready*) who went on to win by 1 1/2 lengths.

Third was *Run Cheetah Run* (*Any Suggestion - Beijing Soy by Masterclass*) who finished strongly.

It was a maiden win for *D'Great Talent* who was unplaced in two runs in Australia. In Malaysia, he finished second in his debut in 2017 and was placed three more times after that before winning the Royal Turf Club Of Thailand Trophy, a Class 5 event over 1,400m. It was his 15th start in Malaysia.

General Chamlong Boongrapue presented the trophy to winning owner D'Great Stable. General Prayuth Intaraprasit gave away the trophy to the winning trainer Lim Hoon Seng while the winning jockey Cheng Han Kok received his trophy from General Surarit Chandratip.



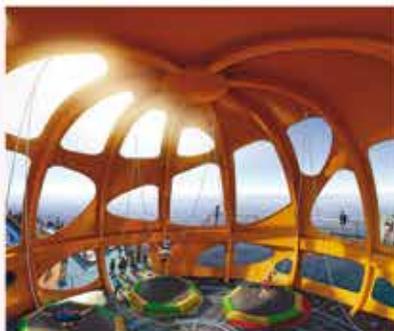
*A group photo after the prize presentation*

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03	Cruising	-	-
04	Singapore	8:00AM	-

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02	Cruising	-	-
03	Penang, Malaysia	8:00AM	7:00PM
04	Cruising	-	-
05	Singapore	8:00AM	-

DEPARTURE DATE:  
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02	Cruising	-	-
03	Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My), Vietnam	7:00AM	7:00PM
04	Nha Trang, Vietnam	9:00AM	6:00PM
05	Cruising	-	-
06	Hong Kong, China	9:00AM	-
07	Hong Kong, China	-	3:00PM
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09	Cruising	-	-
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*Sonic-X leads the field home in the Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy*



# He's Got The X-Factor

*Sonic-X* celebrated breakthrough year with Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy win

For more than two years, *Sonic-X* (*Alamosa - La Confidente* by *Le Bec Fin*) struggled to gain a placing, let alone winning a race, firstly in Singapore, then in Malaysia.

Then came a breakthrough win for the New Zealand gelding in March 2018 and he followed up with three more victories later in the season, culminating with his success in the Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy in Penang on July 29, 2018.

His win in the Class 5 - 1,700m handicap was most impressive. Well back in the running early, *Sonic-X* was still a long way from the leader *Secret Spice* at the home turn.

But jockey Khairil Zulkiflee managed to switch him out for a run with several horses still in front of him at the 300m. But once he got going, *Sonic-X* literally left the others standing, sweeping the front in a few strides to win by two lengths.

*King Savinsky* (*Savabeel- Lynisky* by *Stravinsky*) finished second while *Runfort* (*Street Sense - Nephtys* by *Redoute's Choice*) was third.

Mr Lim Ah Chuan, brother of the late Dr Lim Ah Soo, presented the trophies to the winning connections.



*Trainer Bonny Ng receiving his trophy from Mr Lim Ah Chuan*



*Mr Lim Ah Chuan presenting the trophy to jockey Khairil Zulkiflee*



*The winning connections pose for a group photo*



*Step By Step gets the better of Relau Star*

# Big Step Forward

## **Step By Step upset favourite to win Malaysia 3YO Championship Final**

The 2018 Malaysia 3YO Championship unearthed another top star when *Step By Step* (Captain Gerrard - American Morsecode by All Chatter) easily won the RM200,000 Championship Final over 1,200m in Penang on July 28, 2018.

*Relau Star* (Captain Sonador - Shovella by Shovhog), who had won six races in 13 starts, was the favourite in that race but *Step By Step* raised his game to beat him easily.

*Step By Step*, who raced twice at three in Australia for a third and fourth placing before coming to Malaysia to join trainer Johnny Lim, won his second start in the country back in May 2018.

Three heats of the Championship were staged in the three Malaysian clubs since early May and *Step By Step* only took part in the final heat at Sungei Besi two weeks prior, finishing second to *D'Great Supreme*.

*Relau Star* was a runaway winner of the second heat in Ipoh on June 3 and was touted as the one to beat in the Final.

He was the early leader but *Step By Step* quickly took over the running on settling down and *Relau Star* was eased back to second spot.

*Step By Step* led into the home straight but drifted out, enabling *Relau Star* to take the inside run.

*Relau Star* was level with *Step By Step* at the 300m but *Step By Step* fought back under Harmeet Singh Gill and in the final 150m began to pull away and won by 1 1/2 lengths.

*Ra Force* (Mossman - Hearts Will by Show A Heart), who finished fourth in the third heat, was handy throughout and claimed third placing.

*D'Great Supreme* (O'Reilly - Bronte Walk by Redoute's Choice) trailed the field badly in the early stages but finished strongly for fourth.

The Championship series began on May 6 when *Sakura Japan* (Hala Bek - Kashcrop by Kashani) caused an upset in the first heat in Penang. But the mare was not in the line-up for the Final.

Dato Saw Lip Khai, Tan Sri Datuk Richard Cham Hak Lim and Dato Terry Lee, Committee Members of Penang, Selangor and Perak Turf Clubs respectively, presented the trophies to the winning connections.



A group photo after the prize presentation



Dato Saw Lip Khai presenting the trophy to the winning owner JY Ng



Jockey Hameet Singh Gill receiving his trophy from Dato Terry Lee

MALAYSIA 3YO CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL					
3YO (Set-Weights) – 1,200m					
STEP BY STEP (AUS)	3 G	BT Lim	56	HS Gill	1
RELAU STAR (AUS)	3 G	KF Wong	57	Z Khairil	2
RA FORCE (AUS)	3 G	S Cook	54.5	P Mogun	3
D'GREAT SUPREME (NZ)	3 G	F Maynard	56	KC Wong	4
CHAR KWAY TEOW (AUS)	3 G	C Leck	54.5	L Sofhan	5
JUTSU (AUS)	3 G	CW Robert	56.5	J De Souza	6
SUPER HARD (NZ)	3 G	HS Lim	56	S Ruzaini	7
METALLOCENE (NZ)	3 G	SB Tan	56.5	Aify	8
GHOST BANK (AUS)	3 G	J Tan	56.5	C Goon	9
BAKUTEH (AUS)	3 G	SB Tan	56.5	M Ganeesh	10
Going : Yielding    Winning Time : 1 min. 10.90 secs					
Margins : 1 ½ lengths, 2 ½ lengths, 2 ½ lengths					

# HARD-EARNED VICTORY



Leon storms home to win the Tattersalls Trophy

## Leon got ahead in nick of time to win Tattersalls Trophy

Ex-Singapore galloper *Leon* (*Domesday - Sonar* by *Commands*) notched his first win in Malaysia in the RM60,000 Tattersalls Trophy in Penang on July 28, 2018.

But all credit must go to his rider Jordan Mallyon who had to work hard all the way to claim the Class 4 - 1,600m handicap.

Mallyon parked *Leon* just behind the pace in fifth spot but was already riding hard on the Australian gelding making the bend into the straight.

The leaders were stretched across the track at the 300m with *Leon* among them. But *Leon* took a long time to get into top gear. When he did, *Tongariro* (*Sakhee's Secret - Feel* by *Zabeel*) had taken the lead and appeared heading for victory.

But *Leon* caught him in the last few strides to win by a head with *Ground Control* (*Red Giant - Melroy* by *Commands*) in third spot.

*Leon* managed one win in eight starts at Kranji and the Tattersalls Trophy outing was his fifth in Malaysia under trainer Kevin Coetzee.

Trophies for the Tattersalls Trophy were presented by legendary trainer Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng, Committee Member of Penang Turf Club, who is also Tattersalls' representative for Malaysia.



Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng presenting the trophy to the winning owner



Jockey Jordan Mallyon receiving his trophy from Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng



A group photo after the prize presentation

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Ling Chong coasts home in the Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy

# Ling Chong Wins Debut

Placed thrice Down Under, *Ling Chong* scored easy win in Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy



Trainer Lawson Moy receiving his trophy from Ms Teoh Mei Shean



Ms Teoh Mei Shean presenting the trophy to Guru Dev Aucharuz

Placed in three of seven starts in Australia and New Zealand, *Ling Chong* (*Testa Rossa* - *Taunt Pauline* by *Oamaru Force*) made a winning debut in Malaysia when he captured the RM70,000 Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy in Penang on July 28, 2018.

The Initiation 1,300m race, for horses not more than four years old and have not won a race for two years prior to publication of weights, saw the lead changed hand several times early.

*Jumbo Star* was the early leader but was quickly headed by *Ling Chong*. *D'Great Luck* (*Al Maher* - *Coupon* by *Carnegie*) then raced up to the new leader and took over the running passing the 800m.

*Ling Chong* then tracked *D'Great Luck* and took a run on the inside of the leader at the top of the straight. At the 200m, *Ling Chong* kicked clear and raced away to win by two lengths.

*Purple Rain* (*Toorak Toff* - *Fighting Flyer* by *Fastnet Rock*) flashed home to beat *D'Great Luck* for second.

Trophies for the Moonee Valley Racing Club Trophy race were given away by Ms Teoh Mei Shean, Committee Member of Penang Turf Club.



A group photo after the prize presentation



*So The Thing battles to victory*

# THE THING ABOUT GUTS

***So The Thing* recovered from series of injuries to win South Australian Jockey Club Trophy**



*Cecil Robert receiving the winning trainer's trophy on behalf of PS Kumaran from Mr Lee Kean Teong*

*So The Thing* (Magnus - Miss Devaraja by Devaraja) notched his first win in Malaysia when he captured the RM45,000 South Australian Jockey Club Trophy in Penang on July 28, 2018.

The Australian gelding managed one win in five starts in an injury-plagued period of 15 months in Singapore. He was inactive for 13 months before making his Malaysian debut in July 2017 when he showed signs of recovery with a first-up second.

Trainer PS Kumaran spaced out his eight runs till then to protect his charge and his patience paid off in the South Australian Jockey Club Trophy, a Class 4 event over 1,100m.

Taking command on settling down, *So The Thing* was a clear leader most of the way and fought back tenaciously when challenged by *Stirling* (Chinese Dragon - Agulira by Straight Strike) in the closing stages. *So The Thing* won by half a length.

Third was *Bellus Wonder* (Dancing For Me - Bellus by Saint Ballado).

Mr Lee Kean Teong, Committee Member of Penang Turf Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections on behalf of South Australian Jockey Club.



*Mr Lee Kean Teong presenting the trophy to jockey M Ganeesh*



*A group photo after the prize presentation*

# Funkadelic Back On Song

Hussonet gelding bounced back to form in Malaysia  
to win Northam Race Club Trophy



Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim presenting the trophy to trainer Sharee Hamilton



The winning connections pose for a group photo



Jockey Salee Saad receiving his trophy from Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim

After a string of dismal showings following his only win at Kranji in May 2017, *Funkadelic* (Hussonet - Bitonto by Elvstroem) was sold to trainer Sharee Hamilton in early 2018.

The Penang based trainer quickly nursed the Australian gelding back to health and after an unplaced debut in Malaysia, *Funkadelic* was placed in his next two starts.

Another two runs later, a back-in-form *Funkadelic* claimed the inaugural running of the RM45,000 Northam Race Club Trophy in Penang on July 28, 2018.

*Funkadelic* was drawn on the extreme outside barrier 11 in the Class 4 - 1,300m handicap but he overcame that by surging to the front on settling down. He was tracked all the way by *Winning Star* (Keeper - Blurred by Desert Prince).

*Winning Star* ranged alongside the leader at the 200m and the pair then fought it out stride-for-stride with *Funkadelic* holding on by a head. Third was *Smoothly* (Road To Rock - Emily Jane by Black Minnaloushe).

Dato Dr Henry Ooi Kwee Lim, Committee Member of Penang Turf Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections on behalf of Northam Race Club.



*Funkadelic* (inside) holds off the challenge of *Winning Star*

# A DECADE OF SUCCESS

*Triple Coin* chalked up 15th win in Gold Coast Turf Club Trophy

Although the Malaysian breeding programme ended some years ago, *Triple Coin* (*Becquerel* - *Andy's Polly* by *Sculptured Arch*) continued to fly the flag high for the National Stud Farm at an age many other gallopers would have been long retired to pasture.

*Triple Coin*, trained by Sharee Hamilton, was 12 years old when he staged a comeback win after 24 months to win a Class 5 race in Penang on June 16, 2018.

To show that the win was no fluke, the Malaysian gelding scored again two runs later, in the RM30,000 Gold Coast Turf Club Trophy also in Penang on July 28, 2018.

Drawn wide out in barrier 10, *Triple Coin* quickly took up the running and set a brisk pace. He was four lengths clear at the half-way stage of the Class 5 - 1,200m sprint.

Stablemate *D'Great Lord* (*Casino Prince* - *Sassy Minx* by *Awesome Again*) tried in vain to catch him in the final 200m and had to settle for second. Third was *Here Comes Thunder* (*Falvelon* - *Kiss And Covert* by *St Covert*).

In a career spanning ten years dating back to 2008, *Triple Coin* has won 15 times in 130 starts with the Gold Coast Turf Club Trophy victory.

Trophies for the Gold Coast Turf Club Trophy race were presented by Mr Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah, Committee Member of Penang Turf Club.



Mr Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah presenting the trophy to the winning owner



Apprentice Wong Chin Chuen receiving his trophy from Mr Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah



*Triple Coin* leads *D'Great Lord* home in the Gold Coast Turf Club Trophy



The winning connections pose for a group photo



# NOT QUITE JOVIAL PARTY

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## *Party Night* caused upset in Penang Turf Club Trophy in Perth

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*Party Night* (Galah - Party Starter by So Secret) led a fillies 1-2-3 finish to capture the A\$70,000 Penang Turf Club Trophy held at Ascot, Perth on February 24, 2018.

The annual reciprocal race this time was for Two Year Olds over 1,000m and there was not much support for *Party Night* as she was the second least-backed runner in the field of eleven.

It was the maiden success in six starts for *Party Night* whose previous best effort was finishing second after she had set the pace.

On this occasion, she came from off the pace to beat stablemate *Alcina* (War Chant - Opera Seria by Oratorio (IRE)) by a head, giving trainer Paul Jordan the quinella. Third was *One Point Lady* (Demerit - Natural Thunder by Naturalism).

Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections. Also in attendance were Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng and Datin Seri Teh.



# PERUGGIA STEALS THE SHOW

## Three-Year-Old beat older runners in PNTC Trophy at Moonee Valley

After three wins in age group races, including two as a juvenile, *Peruggia* (*Strategic - On The Wall* by *Any Given Saturday*) stepped it up a notch to win the Penang Turf Club Trophy over 1,600m at Moonee Valley on March 2, 2018.

Just a month prior, *Peruggia*, trained by Darren Weir, triumphed over the same course and distance in a Benchmark 70 event restricted to Three-Year-Olds.

The Penang Turf Club Trophy was an open Benchmark 70 event and *Peruggia*, ridden by Brad Rawiller, showed great fighting spirit to beat two older runners in a three-way photo.

Second was *Sensation Ally* (*Al Maher - Sensational Spirit* by *Invincible Spirit*) while *Approved Anger* (*Authorized - Livid* by *Luskin Star*) came in third of 11 runners.

In attendance were Penang Turf Club Committee Members Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng and Datin Seri, Dato Dr Chong Keat Foong and Dato Saw Lip Khai. Also present were Ordinary Member and former trainer Dr Yeoh Kheng Chye and Mrs Yeoh, as well as Dr. Amanda Yoon and Dr. Ban Quah.





*Rumbleinthejungle (centre) enroute to winning the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Salisbury*



*Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng presenting the plate to trainer Richard Spencer. On the left are Errol Ernest Lang, PNTC's former Professional Racing Steward, and wife Heather Lang. On the right is Datin Seri Teh Choon Beng*



*Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng together with Directors of Salisbury Racecourse, Ms Gail Brown and Lord Margadale (centre)*

# Thundering Start

*Rumble Inthejungle won career debut in PNTC Trophy at Salisbury*

*Rumble Inthejungle (Bungle Inthejungle - Guana by Dark Angel) made the perfect start to his career when he scored in his racing debut in a race named in honour of the Penang Turf Club at Salisbury Racecourse on May 17, 2018. The Penang Turf Club Novice event was for two-year-olds over five furlongs (about 1,005m).*

*Rumble Inthe Jungle, who started at the odds of 10-1, was always prominent and hit the front two furlongs out. Ridden by Tom Queally, he then had to stave off the challenge of the favourite *Well Done Fox* (*Acclamation - Excelette* by *Exceed And Excel*) before winning by a neck.*

*Third in the eight-horse field was *High Horse* (*Dark Angel - Lady Alexander* by *Night Shift*).*

*Rumble Inthejungle, trained by Richard Spencer, had cost £70,000 as yearling.*

*Penang Turf Club (PNTC) Committee Member Dato Seri Teh Choon Beng was at Salisbury Racecourse to witness the event and present the trophies to the winners. Also at the event were Datin Seri Teh Choon Beng, Errol Ernest Lang, PNTC's former Professional Racing Steward and wife, Heather Lang.*

*The Salisbury Racecourse Board of Directors comprising Mr. Jeff Smith (Chairman), Lord Margadale, The Earl of Huntingdon and Mrs. H.G. Clinch were on hand to host the Penang Turf Club delegation to a sumptuous lunch and English afternoon tea at Salisbury racecourse.*



# END OF A LONG LANE

Apprentice Fadzli landed first win in Singapore in Penang Turf Club Trophy

Four years after moving from Malaysia to seek his fortunes in Singapore, Penang-born apprentice Yusoff Fadzli finally landed his first win at Kranji on September 28, 2018.

And there could not be a more appropriate race than the Penang Turf Club Trophy for the lad to record his milestone victory, astride *Taro San* (*All American - Celadon* by *Danehill*) in the Class 4 - 1000m sprint on the polytrack.

Yusoff rode two winners in Malaysia and worked under two trainers in Singapore before gaining his licence in July last year and his ride on *Taro San* was only his seventh at Kranji.

The gelding, a winner in seven runs in Australia, was placed in his first three starts in Singapore but beat only two home in his previous outing. Despite that, *Taro San* started second favourite in the Penang Turf Club Trophy and he almost spoilt it when he was the last to break.

Yusoff, however, quickly made up ground but *Taro San* was still a long way back from the leader at the top of the straight. The gelding eventually got going and passed the



A group photo after the prize presentation of the Penang Turf Club Trophy

leaders in the final 100m to win by half a length from *Super Hero* (*Rip Van Winkle - Magic Star* by *Danzero*). Third was *Dash* (*Kaphero - Best Of You* by *Canny Lad*).

"I'm happy my first win came in a trophy race named after my hometown," said Yusoff who came from a family of syces.

Dato Ong Eng Khuan, President of Penang Turf Club, presented the trophies to the winning connections.

On the same evening's programme, the Jockey Club of Turkey Trophy was run at Kranji.

The Open Maiden event over 1,100m on the polytrack produced a huge upset result when rank outsider *Winning Ticket* (*Tickets - Sissonne* by *Stravinsky*), the least-backed runner in the field of 12, stormed home to win and paid a thumping \$400 on the win tote. The Australian gelding was making his racing debut at the age of four.

As the Jockey Club of Turkey Trophy is a reciprocal race with the Malayan Racing Association and staged on rotation amongst the four turf clubs, their respective Chairman/President were in attendance.



Dato Ong Eng Khuan presenting the trophy to trainer Saimee Jumaat



A beaming apprentice Yusoff Fadzli receiving his trophy from Dato Ong Eng Khuan



The winning connections pose for a photo after the presentation of the Jockey Club of Turkey Trophy



*Glorious Forever winning the Hong Kong Cup*

# HONG KONG'S CLEAN SWEEP

Historic day as local horses swept all four internationals



*Mr Stunning gives Frankie Lor a first Group 1 win in the Hong Kong Sprint*



*A gathering of Chairmen: Dato Ong Eng Khuan with Mr. T Brian Stevenson, former Chairman of HKJC (left) and Dr. Simon Ip, present Chairman of HKJC (right)*

History was made in the Hong Kong International Races on December 9, 2018 at Sha Tin racecourse when, for the very first time, Hong Kong-trained horses captured all the four international races, highlighted by a breakthrough double by second-season Hong Kong born trainer Frankie Lor Foo-Chuan.

Lor, a stable hand's son and former jockey in Hong Kong, first won the HK\$20 million Hong Kong Sprint (1,200m) with *Mr Stunning* (*Exceed And Excel – With Fervour* by *Dayjur*) and capped a superb afternoon with *Glorious Forever* (*Archipenko – Here To Eternity* by *Stormy Atlantic*) in the HK\$28 million Hong Kong Cup.

Australian champion jockey Zac Purton also achieved a double with *Exultant* (*Teofilo – Contrary* by *Mark Of Esteem*) in the HK\$20 million Hong Kong Vase and *Beauty Generation* (*Road To Rock – Stylish Bel* by *Bel Esprit*) in the HK\$25 million Hong Kong Mile.

Turnover on the Hong Kong tote was HK\$1.59 billion and total attendance was over 96,000 with 86,000 at Sha Tin and 10,000 at the Happy Valley racecourse.

Hong Kong Jockey Club is the single biggest taxpayer in Hong Kong contributing over HK\$22.6 billion in taxes and profits to the Hong Kong government. Hong Kong Jockey Club employs over 25,000 full and part-time staff and is among the ten biggest non-government employers in Hong Kong. The numbers are staggering and the events hosted by Hong Kong Jockey Club are second-to-none.

Report by Dato Ong Eng Khuan from Hong Kong



# Record Breaking Victory

*Almond Eye* set world metric record for 2,400m in Japan Cup



*Almond Eye* winning the 2018 Japan Cup

*Almond Eye*, the first crop filly of Japan champion sprinter *Lord Kanaloo*, smashed the world metric record for 2,400m in the ¥574,320,000 (about RM24 million) Japan Cup in Tokyo racecourse on November 25, 2018, stretching her winning sequence to six consecutive races.

*Almond Eye* (*Lord Kanaloo* – *Fusaichi Pandora* by *Sunday Silence*), ridden by Frenchman Christophe Lemaire, was in the box seat and travelled comfortably throughout before tackling pacemaking *Kiseki* (*Rulership* – *Blitz Finale* by *Deep Impact*) 200m out to stop the clock in an astounding 2min 20.6secs, beating the 2:22.1 benchmark set by British-trained *Alkaased* in the 2005 Japan Cup.

*Almond Eye*, unbeaten in five starts in 2018, is the second three-year old filly to win the Group 1 feature race in the 38 year-old Japan Cup history, following the heels of the 2012 Triple Crown winner *Gentildonna*, who also triumphed in 2013.

Like *Gentildonna*, *Almond Eye* also achieved the Triple Crown, after winning the Shuka Sho, Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) and Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas).

*Lord Kanaloo* stands at the Shadai Stallion Stud alongside *Gentildonna*'s sire, *Deep Impact*, the 2006 Japan Cup winner.

Report by Dato Ong Eng Khuan from Tokyo, Japan

# Enable Enabled Dettori's History

Italian master jockey won his sixth Prix l'Arc de Triomphe on *Enable*



*Enable staves off Sea Of Class to win her second Prix l'Arc de Troimphe*

The Qatar Prix 'Arc de Triomphe at the newly-renovated Longchamp racecourse on October 7, 2018 saw Frankie Dettori and *Enable* (Nathaniel – Concentric by Sadler's Wells) in the 2,400m race for the second straight year.

The Arc was run at Chantilly in 2016 and 2017 while Longchamp was undergoing renovation.

*Enable* spent most of 2018 recovering from injury and the Arc was only her second run of the year. She became the only eight horse to win the race twice.

*Enable's* owner and breeder Sheikh Khalid Abdullah was present at Longchamp to see his sixth Arc winner, a record he now shares with Marcel Boussac.

*Enable*, trained by John Gosden, was in the ropes in the last fifty yards and together with *Sea of Class* (*Sea The Stars* – *Holy Moon* by *Hernando*) wove their way through the field and thundered down the outside in the final furlong. In the end, the two British fillies, *Enable* and *Sea of Class*, fought out an epic finish in the biggest European race.

"She wasn't at her best today," said Gosden. "It's entirely down to the filly and her guts and she was given a lovely ride by Dettori."

Dettori could not believe he had won his sixth Arc, two more than any other jockey. It was his 30th Arc and he said, "probably my most nervous." In the end, *Enable* prevailed by a short neck to go into the history books. Two more strides and *Sea of Class* would have won. The win gave trainer Gosden his third Arc in four years. He praised Prince Khalid Abdullah, the man who bred the filly for the win.



*Dato Ong Eng Khuan at Longchamp for the Prix l'Arc de Triomphe*



*Dato Ong Eng Khuan at Longchamp with delegates from Philippines and India*

*D'Great Spirit winning the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Sungei Besi*

# IN WINNING MOOD



## **D'Great Spirit caused upset in PNTC Trophy at Sungei Besi**

*D'Great Spirit* (Walking Or Dancing - Flying Attitude by One Cool Cat) caused an upset when he made all the running to capture the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Sungei Besi on October 7, 2018.

Over a shorter trip (1,100m) in his previous run in Penang, the gelding had also attempted to lead all the way but faded to finish sixth. But that served to toughen him for the 1,200m journey this time.

*D'Great Spirit*, ridden by Cheng Han Kok, jumped smartly from his extreme outsider barrier and quickly headed to the front. He was always well clear of the rest of the field but was shortening strides rather rapidly in the final 50m.

But *D'Great Spirit* had enough in hand to win by 1 1/4 lengths ahead of the second favourite *Powerful Fighter* (Written Tycoon - Superb Choice by Choisir). *Winged Foot* (Hard Spun - Blue Royalty by Bluebird) finished strongly for third.

*D'Great Spirit* was placed once in two runs in Australia before coming to Malaysia. The Penang Turf Club Trophy win was his third in 17 outings under trainer Frank Maynard.

Penang Turf Club Committee Member Mr Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah presented the trophies to the winning connections.



*Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah presenting the trophy to trainer Frank Maynard*



*Jockey Cheng Han Kok receiving his trophy from Jeffrey Lee Chin Wah*



*A group photo after the prize presentation*

Ship Creek holding off Ask Lisa to win the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Northam



# WIND IN THE SAIL

## Ship Creek led all the way in PNTC Trophy at Northam

Although only six runners contested the Penang Turf Club Trophy at Northam, Western Australia on October 7, 2018, they really made a race of it. For at the finishing line, less than two lengths separated the first and last horse in the 1,000 sprint for three-year-olds and upwards.

Ship Creek (Toorak Toff - Fanfara by Danehill Dancer) set the pace and was chased all the way by Ask Lisa (Pitleco - Test The Vintage by Testa Rossa) who was only a half-head behind at the post. Together We Dream (Discorsi - Diamonds' n'dreams by Viscount), who finished third, was right behind them all the way.

Ship Creek is trained by Neville Parnham and was ridden by his son Steven. The three-year-old filly had broken through for her maiden win in her previous start, also the same track and over the same distance.

The Penang Turf Club Trophy was held in conjunction with Ladies Day at the Northam Race Club, which has held racing since 1863.

Penang Turf Club was represented at the event by Ordinary Member, Mr. Edward O'Driscoll.

Winners of the Best Dressed competition on Ladies Day at Northam Race Club



After the prize presentation (left to right): NRC Committee Person's Lou Dimasi and Ray Smith, Steve Parnham (rider) NRC Treasurer Ken Thomas, PNTC representative Edward O'Driscoll, NRC President Dr Kevin Christianson, NRC Vice President Raelene Harris



*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



## TONGARIRO

Class 5 – 1300m  
Date : 3.2.2018  
Owner : Kim Stable  
Trainer : CW Robert  
Jockey : KC Wong

## HANDSOME BAB

Class 5 – 1400m  
Date : 10.2.2018  
Owner : Team Work Stable  
Trainer : HS Lim  
Jockey : HK Cheng



## KARIGARA

Class 5 – 1700m  
Date : 10.2.1018  
Owner : Song & Ben Stable  
Trainer : R Lines  
Jockey : CK Khaw





## D'GREAT EMPRESS

Class 5 – 1200m  
 Date : 11.2.2018  
 Owner : D'Great Stable  
 Trainer : HS Lim  
 Jockey : HK Cheng

## FOLLOW THE WIND

Class 4 – 1700m  
 Date : 11.2.2018  
 Owner : Mango Stable  
 Trainer : B Ng  
 Jockey : J Mallyon



## MR NEVERMIND

Cosmo B – 1400m  
 Date : 18.3.2018  
 Owner : MR Stable  
 Trainer : E Breukelen  
 Jockey : CK Tan



## SONIC-X

Class 5 – 1400m  
 Date : 24.3.2018  
 Owner : Mango Stable  
 Trainer : B Ng  
 Jockey : J Mallyon





## SWAN SONG

Class 5 – 1600m  
 Date : 24.3.2018  
 Owner : Mdm Tan Suat Lee  
 Trainer : S Cook  
 Jockey : AM Aizat

## PROBABLY

Class 3 – 1200m  
 Date : 25.3.2018  
 Owner : Paint Emperor Stable  
 Trainer : CW Robert  
 Jockey : R Woodworth



## D'GREAT LEGION

Class 5 – 1100m  
 Date : 28.4.2018  
 Owner : D'Great Stable  
 Trainer : R Lines  
 Jockey : L De Souza



## MARCO POLO

Class 5 – 1100m  
 Date : 29.4.2018  
 Owner : Polo Racing Stable  
 Trainer : B Ng  
 Jockey : M Ganeesh





## TAFFETAS

Cosmo A – 1300m  
 Date : 29.4.2018  
 Owner : Valiant Stable  
 Trainer : R Lines  
 Jockey : CK Khaw

## FIRST OPTION

Class 5 – 1400m  
 Date : 10.6.2018  
 Owner : Tan Poh Chye  
 Trainer : S Hamilton  
 Jockey : KC Wong



## D'GREAT BLESS

Class 4 – 1300m  
 Date : 17.6.2018  
 Owner : D'Great Stable  
 Trainer : BT Lim  
 Jockey : HK Cheng



## OK KID

Class 4 – 1200m  
 Date : 22.7.2018  
 Owner : Zhiru Stable  
 Trainer : S Hamilton  
 Jockey : L De Souza





## CIZEN MAN

Class 4 – 1200m  
 Date : 22.7.2018  
 Owner : Paint Emperor Stable  
 Trainer : C Robert  
 Jockey : J De Souza



## GERMAN SPEED

Class 5 – 1300m  
 Date : 16.9.2018  
 Owner : Cat Racing Stable  
 Trainer : BT Lim  
 Jockey : HS Gill

## BABY POLO

Class 5 – 1300m  
 Date : 16.9.2018  
 Owner : Polo Racing Stable  
 Trainer : B Ng  
 Jockey : AK Lim





## *BLACK IS POWER*

Class 5 – 1400m  
Date : 22.9.2018  
Owner : Brother For Life Stable  
Trainer : HS Lim  
Jockey : SU Lim

## *PURPLE RAIN*

Restricted Maiden – 1100m  
Date : 22.9.2018  
Owner : Purple Rain Stable  
Trainer : KF Wong  
Jockey : HK Cheng



## *BORN A FIGHTER*

Class 5 – 1400m  
Date : 23.9.2018  
Owner : Cameron Stable  
Trainer : PK Leong  
Jockey : CK Khaw



## *KERAUNO*

Cosmo A – 1200m  
Date : 23.9.2018  
Owner : Dato Saw Lip Khai  
Trainer : S Hamilton  
Jockey : J De Souza



# 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.

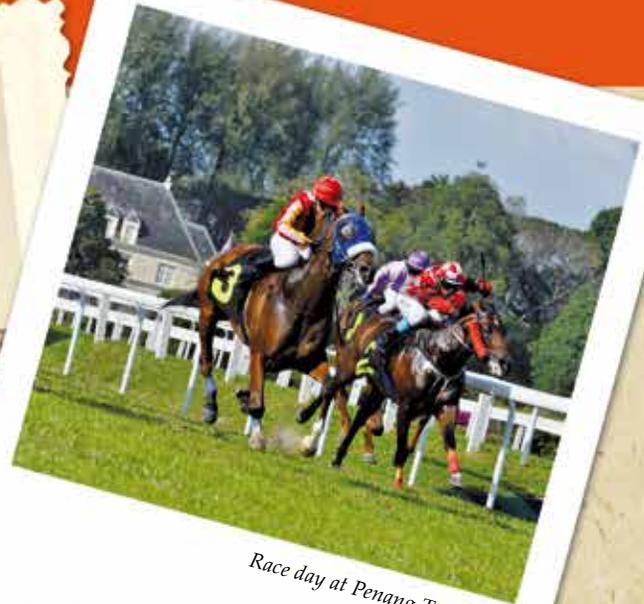
**1945** September — British forces land in Penang and Singapore.

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.
- 1996** Thirteen times champion trainer on the Malaysian Singapore circuit Teh Choon Beng created history by becoming the first trainer to become a Committee Member of Penang Turf Club and the Malayan Racing Association.
- 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



*Forbes Scott Brown (1816 - 1874), third son of David Brown. "The change in name was brought to our attention by Claire and Andrew Johnston of David Brown Family"*



*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*

**T**here has been organised racing in Penang for 155 years, with the Penang Turf Club having been founded in 1864.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

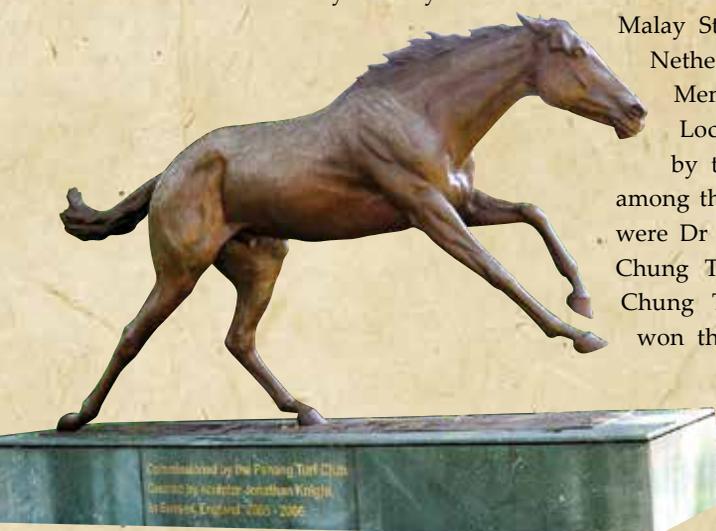
Locals became involved in racing by the turn of the century and among the prominent Penang owners were Dr P V Locke, Lee Toon Poon, Chung Thye Siong and his brother Chung Thye Pin, whose *Devilment* won the Singapore Derby in 1905. Chung Thye Pin donated a cast-iron water fountain to the Club in 1904.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

to the front of the golf clubhouse.

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

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

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



Horse statue created by sculptor Jonathan Knight



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# PENANG CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

## January

- City Walk: 1 Jan
- Pongal: 15 Jan
- Thaipusam: 20 - 22 Jan



## February

- Kek Lok Si Display of Lights: 4 - 19 Feb
- 7th Ban Ka Lan Snake Temple CNY Culture Celebration 2019: 9 Feb
- Penang Hot Air Balloon Fiesta: 9 & 10 Feb



- Hokkien New Year Celebration: 12 Feb
- Chap Goh Meh Celebration: 19 Feb
- CNY Celebration\*

## March

- 10th Penang International Halal Expo & Conference (PIHEC) 2019: 1 - 3 Mar
- Penang Yosakoi Parade: 9 Mar
- St. Patrick's Ball: 9 Mar
- Penang International Arts Week: 24 - 31 Mar

## April

- Thai Water Festival: 13 Apr
- Penang International Food Festival: 13 - 28 Apr



- Vaisakhi Celebration: 14 Apr

## May

- Ramadan Bazaar: 6 May - 4 Jun
- Wesak Day: 18 May

## June

- Penang International Dragon Boat Championship: 1 & 2 Jun
- Penang Durian Festival: 1 Jun - 31 Jul

## July

- George Town World Heritage Day: 7 Jul
- Penang Bon Odori Festival: 20 Jul



- St. Anne's Festival: 21 - 30 Jul

## Aug

- Penang Hungry Ghost Festival: 1 - 29 Aug
- Penang Orchid Show 2019: 11 - 18 Aug
- George Town Festival\*

## Sept

- Mid-Autumn Festival: 13 Sept
- Penang International Lion Dance on Stilts Championship: 14 & 15 Sept
- Malaysia Day: 16 Sept
- Nine Emperor Gods Festival: 28 Sept - 7 Oct



- Navratri Festival: 29 Sept - 8 Oct
- Asian Cultural Festival\*

## Oct 2019

- Penang Coffee + Art Weekend: 12 & 13 Oct
- Fiesta Pulau Aman: 19 Oct

## Nov 2019

- George Town Literary Festival: 21 - 24 Nov
- Penang Bridge International Marathon: 24 Nov



## Dec 2019

- Penang International Dragon Boat Festival: 7 & 8 Dec



- Butterworth Fringe Festival: 7 & 8 Dec
- Penang Pesta Chingay Parade: 15 Dec
- Seberang Perai Chingay Parade: 22 Dec

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## 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 9-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. However, the Top 9 has been closed since 1 December 2014.

## COURSE INFORMATION

- 9 holes Par 33
- **Men:** 2409 metres, **slope rating:** 117, **course rating:** 32.4
- **Ladies:** 2130 metres, **slope rating:** 114, **course rating:** 33.4
- **Turf:** Cow grass on fairways and rough. Serangoon on greens

## OPERATIONAL HOURS

Mondays to Saturdays | 10:30am to 7:30pm  
*(In the case when there is barrier test or maintenance work on the track, the Lower Nine will be open after the work finishes)*

Sundays | 7:00am to 7:30pm  
*(During On-Course Racing Days, the Lower Nine will be closed)*

## FEES & CHARGES

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- Visitors (*walk-in*) RM95.40 (RM90 + 6% GST)
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- Visitors (*walk-in*) RM180.20 (RM170 + 6% GST)
- Guests of Members RM116.60 (RM110 + 6% GST)

#### Other Charges

- Caddy Fees (*compulsory*) RM47.70 (RM45 + 6% GST)
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*(Left) Passion fruit  
grown in the garden.  
(Right) The caretaker  
of the bungalow*



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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.
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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.
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- Complimentary race books

#### Dress Code

- Gentlemen – Business suit and tie
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### OFF-COURSE RACES *RM700 per day\**

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

#### Dress Code

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
- Ladies – Smart casual



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- Complimentary race books

#### Dress Code:

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
- Ladies – Smart casual

### OFF-COURSE RACES *RM700 per day\**

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

#### Dress Code:

- Gentlemen – Smart casual
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